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82-year-old Waveland Elementary teacher Olive McKenna gets degree.

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Tiger Pride Band Boosters dinner

The Tiger Pride Band Boosters Club will be serving spaghetti dinner with a drink for a \$5 donation at the Bay High School Cafeteria on Saturday, June 2, from 5-8 p.m. Carry-outs and desserts are available. For more information, call 466-2632.

St. Rock Family & Friends gala

St. Rock United Methodist Church at 301 Herlihy St., Waveland, will celebrate its annual Family and Friends Day program today at 2 p.m. with speaker Evangelist Betty Ramshur, and live music. Everyone is invited.

Lower Bay Road crossing closed

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission announced Friday that the Lower Bay railroad crossing between Lower Bay and Herron Bay/Ansley roads will be closed for repairs and/or replacement beginning at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, and should be reopen by 3:30 p.m.

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Post 77 Commander Russell Voorhees served in the United States Air Force as a military airlift command pilot during the Vietnam War. Above: Voorhees boards a T-38 Talon trainer in 1965.



Voorhees today.

Legion posts celebrating in different places

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER Staff Writer

Memorial Day is here again and many Americans will observe it as a holiday from work, and a great excuse for a barbecue, perhaps forgetting the tribute to freedom that the day was intended to be.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 and

and Confederate soldiers in Arlington National Cemetery. Some feel that the change of the official day to the last Monday in May, rather than a set date, has contributed to making what should be a day of observance into an excuse for taking a long weekend.

But for the members of the American Legion posts — with 2.8 million members nationwide — and many other veterans organizations, the day is one of remembrance and respect for the 625,000 brave men and women who gave their lives this century so that Americans and

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Kiln Volunteer Fire Department Chief Thomas Bilbo places police tape around the mobile home of Lester Dougherty II Thursday morning.

'Hero' saves woman, kids from blaze

Bryant, victims hospitalized, but all OK now

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

One never knows the time or place where a hero may be on the spot, but Billy Bryant made his appearance on the Old Kiln Road Thursday morning and is credited with saving a woman and her two children from a mobile home fire.

Fire Marshal Richard Pate, Sheriff Steve Garber, Kiln Fire Chief Thomas Bilbo, volunteer firefighters, family members and neighbors at the scene were all praising Bryant as being a real hero in saving the lives of Mrs. Lester (Jamie) Dougherty, II, her four-year old son Chris and infant daughter Samantha.

Bryant and the Doughertys were all rushed to Hancock Medical Center by American Medical Response for treatment.



"My girlfriend was taking me to my part-time job and as we passed the residence, I saw smoke pouring out of the home," Bryan said from the HMC emergency room Thursday shortly after the rescue. "She was attempting to stop the car and I leaped out even before it came to a complete stop."

"I ran to the trailer's front door, kicked it in and entered, yelling if anyone was inside. The smoke was very thick and I heard a woman say 'yes.' The thick smoke caused me to back out the door and then I ran to the home across the street and knocked very hard on their door."

"Then I ran back to the mobile home and saw the mother by a window holding a baby in her arms. The glass was broken and she handed me her infant daughter and young son through the window. I then helped her come out through the window. They

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Legislature's 'unfunded mandates' put schools into budget shortfall

BY GEOFF BELCHER News Editor

Some "unfunded mandates" handed down by the Mississippi State Legislature in its last session — including mandatory teacher raises and a dramatic increase in the allowable amount of the homestead exemption — are taxing the patience of both the Bay-Waveland and Hancock

County school boards, and may lead to higher taxes for homeowners in the Bay-Waveland district.

"We set the budget so that there would be no millage increase this school year," Bay-Waveland Schools Board of Trustees President Richard Flowers said in a special

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Area parks, hotels filling for Memorial Day weekend despite gas prices

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Higher than usual gasoline prices are not expected to keep people away from local parks and overnight lodges this Memorial Day weekend.

The Echo polled area businesses Friday before the start of the three-day weekend, and most people predicted a near sell-out.

At Casino Magic Inn, manager Joanna Saucier said all 201 rooms were booked for Saturday and Sunday, and only 15 were vacant Friday night.

"Those will go to walk-ins," Saucier said.

The story was the same at the Magic's RV park.

"All 96 spots are taken Friday through Sunday," Saucier said.

Bill Lady, owner of the Holiday Inn at U.S. Hwy. 90 and state Hwy. 603 in Waveland, said he was running about 70 percent occupancy, but he expected to fill all 93 rooms for most of the weekend.

At the Ramada Inn in Diamondhead, reservations

clerk Kelli Green said, "We're almost full." She said most of her guests had booked for Friday and Saturday. The motel has 69 rooms.

At the Key West Inn on Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis, front desk clerk Destin Rutherford said only nine of 44 rooms remained vacant Friday.

"But, as a rule, we always fill up every Memorial Day weekend," Rutherford said.

At Buccaneer State Park, a spokesman

said the 149 RV pads equipped with water and electricity were all reserved but there were still some spaces left on the perimeter of the park in the primitive camping area.

At McLeod Water Park, Ranger Roland Lee said the weekend is a complete sellout.

"All 72 spots with water and electricity are taken," Lee said.

He said campers have also rented 17 spots in the primitive section of the park and three group areas.

"And, the two pavilions (for picnics and other entertain-

ment) are going to be used day and night," said Lee.

Pat Hossack said she was

helping out her friends who own the KOA campgrounds on Hwy. 90 which has 50 to 60 RV spots.

"We're almost 100 percent full,"

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Petty thieves caught at county courthouse

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

An undercover operation recently put a quick halt to some petty thievery taking place at county office buildings.

Bob Lambert, chief investigator with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, said two women were arrested for Petit larceny, which allegedly occurred over the course of three weeks at the Hancock County Courthouse, the Tax Assessor's office, the Building Inspectors office, and the Board of Supervisors Office.

Lambert said one suspect, Jessica Lynn Morano, 20, of 6127 E. Newton Street, in Bayside Park, has since confessed to a house burglary in Bayside Park. She is being held on one count of burglary in the Hancock County jail, in addition to being charged with Petit larceny.

The second suspect arrested on the Petit larceny charge was identified as Michelle Page, 26, of 813 Spruce Street Waveland.

Both were employees of a janitorial firm, which holds the contract to clean several county office buildings, and County Administrator Tim Kellar said the firm immediately dismissed the employees when they were allegedly caught red-handed by

surveillance cameras.

"It was all petty stuff," said Kellar. He said he had some coins missing from his desk.

Other employees had frozen TV dinners taken out of a refrigerator.

In some cases, cans of coffee were taken, along with postage stamps and other small items, Kellar said.

Tax Assessor/Collector Jimmie Ladner, whose offices are at Main and Second Street, reported almost the same missing items.

"Small coins, soft drinks, lunches," said Ladner. He said the office was also missing some handicapped placards, which his office distributes when residents come to pick up vehicle tags.

Lambert said reports of missing items began to surface around May 7, and the Sheriff's Department decided to set up surveillance cameras.

He said he reviewed tapes last week, showed print-outs to the employer, who identified the individuals, then arrest warrants were signed against the two suspects.

Lambert said investigator Matt Karl is conducting the investigation, which is still ongoing.

Hero -- Bryant

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were all covered with smoke," Bryant said.

Bryant, of Anderson, Al., said that he has been in the area about three weeks and is staying at the Travelrest Motel and was on his way to work at Advance Concrete.

The Kiln Volunteer Fire Department responded with three units, a fire truck, rescue unit and tanker along with more than a dozen firefighters responding.

Pate said the origin of the fire is still under investigation, because there was some heavy fire damage in one end and smoke damage to the rest of the trailer. Responding Kiln firefighters quelled the flames quickly, in addition to pushing

two vehicles into the street that were parked near the mobile home.

At the scene, Donna Jones, mother-in-law of the rescued woman, offered high praise for Bryant's quick actions.

"He's a real hero," she repeated many times, in saving the lives of the three family members. Doughtery, son Chris and Bryant were treated and released from Hancock Medical Center Thursday, while the Doughtery's infant daughter remained overnight and was released on Friday. Janet McQueen, HMC spokeswoman said. Also at the scene handling traffic control were sheriff's deputies Deron Cuevas and Burt Johnson.

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Lockheed Martin's Stennis Space Center General Manager Chet Miller, second from left, presents a check for \$7,500 last week to Charles B. Murphy Elementary Principal Lenette Ladner. The money will be used to help purchase supplies for the school's science lab. Lockheed also donated six computers to the school, to go with the six they donated last year. Hancock County Port & Harbor Commissioner Jerry Hemphill said Lockheed has "adopted" the school; and that P&H Commissioner Kevin Hill had brought the school's need to Lockheed's attention. Also pictured are Hancock County Board of Supervisors chairman Roderick "Rocky" Pullman; Roz Doyle of Cimarron; and Hancock County School Board President Cheryl Bennett.

'Boil water' notices posted for 2 areas

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Boil water notices have been posted for residents of Clermont Harbor and Jourdan River Shores until further notice.

Steve Jones, spokesman for Total Environmental Solutions, Inc., (TESI) which recently took over some water distribution and sewerage treatment plants formerly owned by Johnson Utilities, said because of the approaching Memorial Day weekend, sample results won't be forthcoming until at least next Friday.

In the meantime, he urged all water customers to heed the boil water notice.

The first notice was issued Thursday for customers in Clermont Harbor.

Jone said the system lost pressure during equipment fail-

ure.

"When a distribution system loses pressure, contaminants can siphon back into the system," said Jones. "Public health officials consider any system that has lost pressure contaminated until tests of the water prove otherwise."

The second boil water notice was issued Friday morning for customers in the Jourdan River Shores subdivision off state Hwy. 603.

Jones said the motor to the water well burned up, and crews were in the process of replacing it. Jones said because the Health Department office in Jackson is closed Monday for the Memorial Day weekend, samples cannot be tested until at least Tuesday, and he did not expect to have results back until at least next Friday.

Last November, TESI signed an agreement with the state Department of Environmental Quality to fix problems in the Clermont Harbor and Jourdan River Shores systems, and in other utilities it operates in Hancock and Harrison Counties, and in other parts of Mississippi.

The DEQ ordered deficiencies in Clermont Harbor to be corrected within 12 months, and said no new customers should be added to the system in the interim.

In the agreement, DEQ did not cite deficiencies in the Jourdan River Shores water distribution system, but because of problems with its sewerage treatment system, DEQ recommended that no new building permits be issued for the subdivision.

Hurricane evacuation maps now available

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

In advance of the start of the hurricane season, June 1, the Hancock County Civil Defense/Emergency Management Agency has available free maps showing hurricane evacuation routes.

Local CD Director Lynette Carbon said, "The maps were created to lessen the confusion during an evacuation order." She said previously, evacuation areas had to be described using street names, which was also very time-consuming.

"The confusion came when there were multiple streets with the same or closely resembling names in the three coastal counties," said Carbon.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers worked closely with Hancock, Harrison and Jackson county Civil Defense/Emergency Management Agencies to develop a three-zone map. "The zones are easily identifiable and are roughly based on storm surge models," Carbon explained.

The new maps are available free at the Civil Defense office, in the rear of the Courthouse Annex off Dunbar Avenue and U.S. Hwy. 90.

Carbon said her office also has free information available instructing citizens on what actions to take to protect themselves and their family before a hurricane strikes.

"With the increase in population in the coastal areas, hurricane awareness is very important," she said.

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Correction

In the Thursday, May 24, 2001 edition of the Sea Coast Echo, on page 4B, information in the article titled, "PRCC graduates", was incorrect. The students listed were actually on the 2001 spring semester Dean's list at Pearl River Community College for maintaining a 3.4 grade-point average.

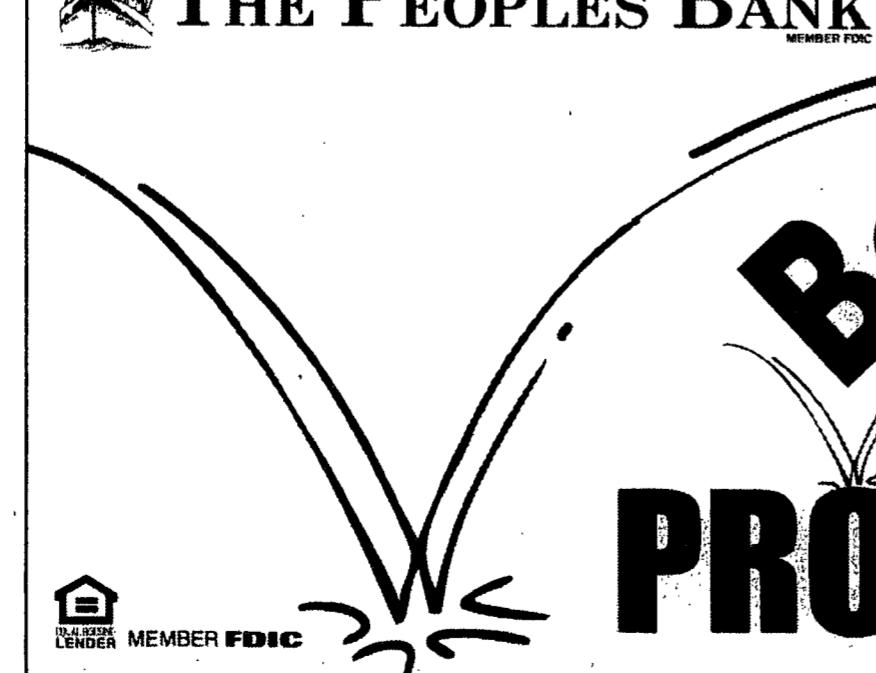
The students and their home towns are:

Bay St. Louis: Bertram G. Hopgood, Ashley A. Foster and April D. Sones

Kilm: Lori M. Desilvey, Jeremy Garriga, Ryan M. Kaiser, Keresa L. Ladner, Kristi L. Ray and Kerri M. Roberson

Waveland: Judith R. Fletcher, Jonathan M. Gagnon and Andrea M. Sellier

The Sea Coast Echo apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.



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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Summer is right around the corner with this being the Memorial Day weekend.

Memorial Day's activities will not be forgotten in Hancock County with both the Bay St. Louis and Waveland American Legion Posts holding special programs.

The Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Post 139 in Bay St. Louis will begin its Memorial Day activities Monday with a special service at 10 a.m. at the gravesite of Clement R. Bontemps in St. Mary Cemetery, then another service will be conducted at the Post Memorial on Green Meadow Road at 10:30 a.m.

The Waveland Bourgeois-Stieff-Ray American Legion Post 77 Memorial Day service will begin at 11 a.m. at the Post Memorial on Coleman Avenue.

The general public is invited and urged to attend these special Memorial Day services.

Our veterans are important to our nation, and they all need to be remembered for the freedoms we now have.

We still have men and women in uniform around the world helping protect the freedoms our men and women have fought for in prior times.

Sure, it is a holiday weekend, but let us not forget those who made it possible to celebrate the holidays.

Today, tomorrow and the days ahead will mean more traffic on our roadways and waterways in our area.

Memorial Day is really the beginning of our big rush, and this will run through the Labor Day weekend.

On our highways and roadways, state troopers, sheriff's deputies, and municipal police all will be out in force enforcing the laws of our roadways.

At the same time, the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks will also be out in force patrolling our public lakes, streams, canals and rivers.

Just like the law enforcement officers of the roadways, the officers of the waterways will be enforcing all the rules and regulations for watercraft.

Accidents can happen very fast on water, so all boaters need to use common sense and good judgment.

I hope that each and everyone of you will have a great time and a safe summer.

I have a feeling that no one ever guessed there would be more than 250,000 individuals to visit the John C. Stennis Space StenniSphere Visitors Center in less than one year.

The StenniSphere opened over the Memorial Day weekend last year, and on Tuesday Ruth Roper of Independence, La., was the 250,000th visitor to the StenniSphere in Hancock County.

When the new enlarged Visitors Center at the test site opened last year, an arrangement was made with Mississippi's officials to give more visibility by originating tours from the Hancock County Welcome Center on Interstate 10. This has been a tremendous help and offers more exposure to the StenniSphere.

There is just so much to see at the StenniSphere, and admission is free.

The StenniSphere is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas.

I am sure there are lots of folks in the area who will be having out-of-town guests for the summer, and you may want to plan a tour of the StenniSphere. There are over 50 indoor and outdoor exhibits sponsored by NASA, the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command and other residents agencies at the center in Hancock County.

All you have to do is stop by the Launch Pad, next door to the beautiful Mississippi Welcome Center on Interstate 10. A bus with a tour guide gives a 25-minute narrated tour through Stennis Space Center's 125,000-acre acoustical buffer zone to America's largest rocket propulsion test complex, where Apollo-era Saturn V engines were tested in the 1960s and then a visit to the StenniSphere where live presentations take place throughout the museum and auditorium.

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Our Mississippi Delta

For many around our nation, the Delta defines Mississippi. When folks who've never been to Mississippi think about our state, thoughts of miles of flat land, cotton fields, and, of course, the Mississippi

good roads, water systems, sewer systems and other public works is a must for economic development and job creation in the Mississippi Delta. Indeed, infrastructure and transportation must be a fundamental part of any initiative to improve public health, create new jobs and promote existing industries throughout Mississippi.

River often come to mind. Though Mississippians from all parts of the Magnolia State know our homeland is very diverse in landscape, in economy and culture, we all have some sort of tie with this basic image of Mississippi. That is why as a U.S. Senator I have worked vigorously on projects which I believe can transform the Mississippi Delta's economy, particularly I-69 and more recently the Delta Regional Authority (DRA).

If you are thinking the DRA doesn't affect you - think again. You are paying for this new federal agency whether you live in the Delta or not. Indeed, all U.S. taxpayers will be footing the bill for the DRA, initiated by the Clinton Administration, but dramatically improved by the Congress last year. While some of my fellow conservatives expressed understandable apprehension about creating a new federal bureaucracy when the DRA idea was first floated, I withheld my judgement. I saw a promising framework, but one deficient in a major area overlooked by the Clinton Administration - transportation and infrastructure. In my view,

After the successful Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) - to which it was often erroneously compared -- a mistake because previously the original DRA proposal had no means of funding infrastructure as the ARC does. For years, the ARC has worked successfully to give local communities the physical tools they need



FROM THE SENATE

By State Senator
Trent Lott

to succeed

heartland of America with Canada and Mexico, intersecting the Mississippi Delta in its path. This thoroughfare will undoubtedly bring commerce and jobs to our state, which will benefit the Delta's citizens. I continue to support I-69's designed route, which will enter Northwest Mississippi,

Just last week, President Bush gave the DRA effort another boost by signaling his intent to nominate a long time Mississippi Delta resident and outstanding Mississippian to head the DRA - Pete Johnson, of Clarksdale.

With the Mississippi Delta as such a prominent aspect of our state's

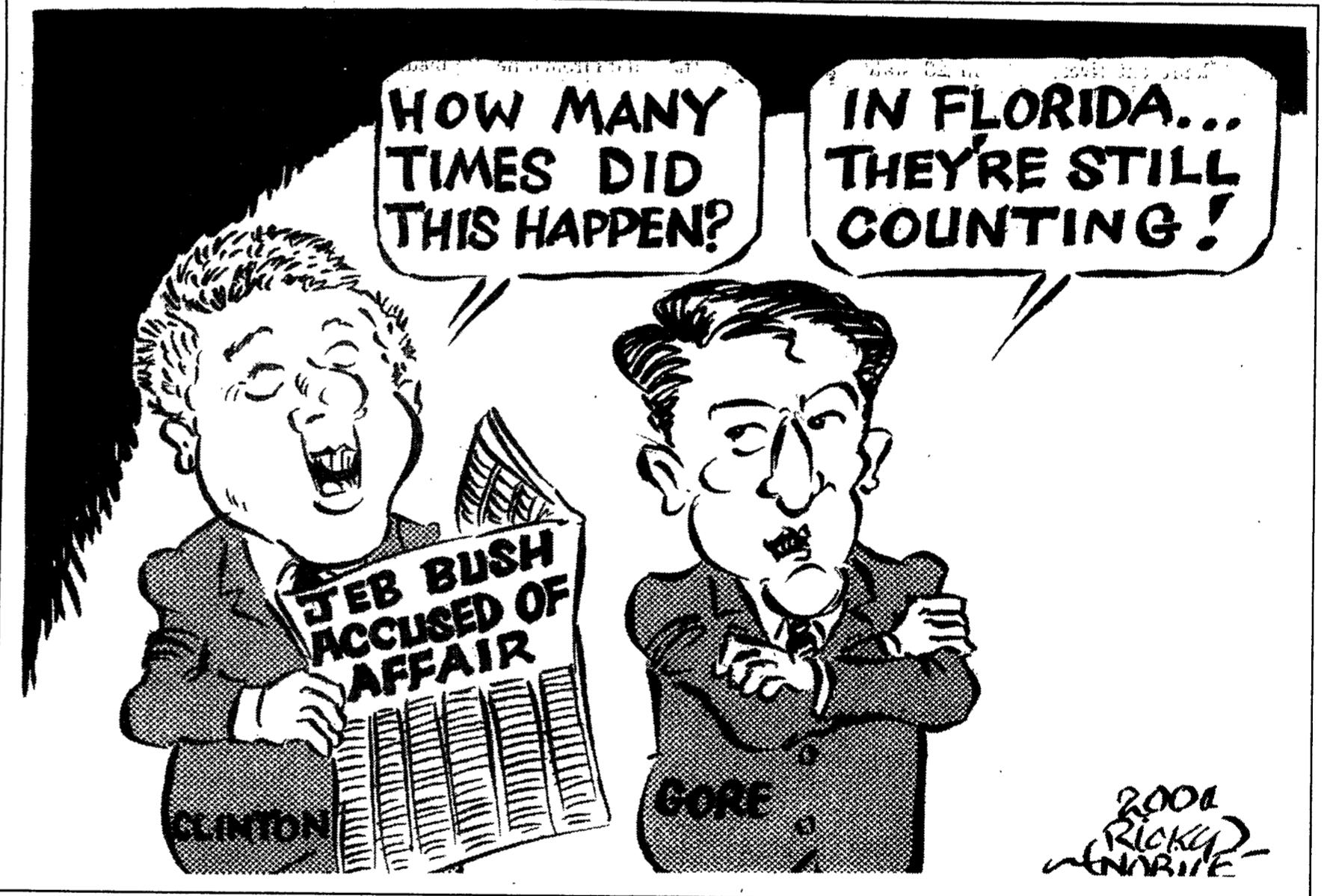
total identity, it makes sense to have a Mississippian, particularly a long time Delta leader, guiding this new agency. With these two important elements - infrastructure funding and a local leader who truly understands the region in place - DRA is poised to be a more efficient and effective instrument of change.

This effort will provide two desperately needed river crossings for the Delta. From local road, bridge and public infrastructure projects through DRA to an entirely new interstate - these are major steps toward bringing a better life to the Delta, and strengthening the cultural and economic ties which link all Mississippians to our Delta.

On a similar note, in keeping with my belief that improved transportation is one of the basic foundations for new opportunities, I continue my strong support of the I-69 project.

When complete this new

interstate will connect the



TECHNICALITIES

By State Auditor
Phil Bryant
COUNTIES

opinion to Mord dated March 23, 2001)

Q May a county remove various privately owned or abandoned obstacles from the right-of-way at the county's expense?

A The owners of such obstacles which are encroaching on the county right-of-way are first responsible for removing the encroachments.

However, if the owners are unable or unwilling to remove the encroachments, then the county road crews may remove them from the right-of-way at the expense of the county for the purpose of maintaining the roads and right-of-way in a safe condition.

(Attorney General's opinion to Gex dated March 23, 2001)

Q May the county pay for a retired employee's health insurance costs as part of the county insurance plan?

A No. (Attorney General's

Does a board of supervisors have authority to abolish the board of commissioners for emergency communications established pursuant to Section 19-5-307 and to assume all powers and duties previously exercised by the board of commissioners?

A Yes. The Attorney General's opinion to Bishop dated May 17, 1989, provides guidance on the steps to be taken to abolish a board set up by the board of supervisors. (Attorney General's opinion to Entrek dated March 16, 2001)

Q Has legislation been passed changing the way the court filing fee in Section 25-7-13(I)(a) is paid to the circuit clerk?

A Yes. Senate Bill 2353, signed by the governor on March 12, 2001, provides that

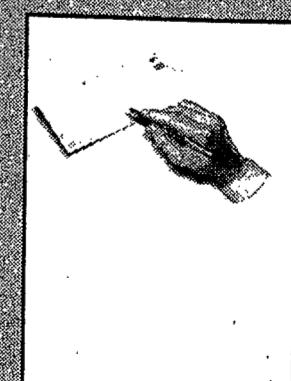
the filing fee in Section 25-7-13(I)(a) is to be paid to the clerk in office at the time of collection instead of the time of filing, effective upon passage.

Q Do salaries of justice court judges increase or decrease with the release of the 2000 census?

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



A No. Section 25-3-36 provides an annual salary based upon the population of the county according to the 1990 federal decennial census, or the 1980 federal decennial census, whichever is higher. No provision is made for considering the 2000 federal decennial census.

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Clark announces formation of Election Task Force

Secretary of State Eric Clark announced the formation of a task force to study and recommend changes in the way Mississippi conducts elections.

"Since last year's presidential contest, particularly the controversies in Florida, people across the country have been taking a hard look at how we conduct elections in this country," Clark said. "Here in Mississippi, we're going to bring together a group of people from across the state to look at how we can make our elections run more smoothly and head off any potential problems."

"Monday is Memorial Day, the day all Americans honor the men and women who fought to keep our country free," Clark said. "Our freedom is most clearly seen in elections when we elect our leaders. Maintaining confidence in the conduct of our elections is a basic part of our freedom in America."

The Secretary of State's Select Task Force on Elections Procedures and Technology will focus on election issues such as voting machines, voter roll maintenance, and ballot design (such as punch card ballots).

"In the past two years in Mississippi we have seen an extremely close gubernatorial election and a statewide special election on the state flag," Clark said. "In each instance our state and local election officials have been up to the task. However, we must continue to work to maintain public confidence that every voter will be treated equally and fairly."

The Select Task Force will be comprised of 25 members:

- Secretary of State Eric Clark, Chair;
- The Chairs of the Mississippi Senate Elections and House Apportionment and Elections Committees, Senator Hob Bryan and Representative Tommy Reynolds;

- Two other Senators appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

- Two other Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

- Two members of the Mississippi Democratic Party Legislatures.

Largest-ever crackdown on drivers who don't buckle up

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That is why the Hancock County Sheriff's Department is participating in Click It or Ticket, the largest-ever crackdown on drivers who don't buckle up and don't buckle up children.

Now through June 3, officers will sharply intensify enforcement of adult seat belt and child passenger laws across the state - joining a nationwide enforcement blitz of more than 10,000 law enforcement agencies.

"During this enforcement campaign, we will conduct checkpoints, saturation patrols (road blocks) and ticket drivers who violate traffic safety laws,"

says Sheriff Steve Garber. "We participate in these crackdowns because they work. Child fatalities have dropped by 17 percent nationwide since crackdowns began four years ago. But, there is more work to do. Six out of 10 children who die in crashes are unrestrained. Nearly half of these children would be alive today if only they had been buckled in."

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*By Donald Mauffray
CVSO*

VA invests more for hepatitis C services

The VA has invested an additional \$20 million for outreach, testing, counseling, and treating veterans with the hepatitis C virus. By the end of the year 2000, VA allocated more than \$39 million for hepatitis C testing and treatment.

VA requested \$144.7 million for evaluation and treatment of veterans infected with the hepatitis C virus for fiscal year 2001. Funding to increase staffing by 448 full-time positions is included in the VA's budget request.

Two members representing the Election Commissioners Association of Mississippi appointed by its President;

- One Municipal Election Commissioner and one Municipal Clerk appointed by the Secretary of State;

- One member representing the Mississippi Association of Supervisors appointed by its President;

- One member representing the Mississippi Municipal League appointed by its President; and

- Six members at large appointed by the Secretary of State.

The first meeting of the Select Task Force will be held prior to July 1. All meetings will be announced and open to the public. A full report will be delivered to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 1.

Mississippi is one of many states considering election reform.

The State of Florida passed a sweeping election bill earlier this year. Task forces similar to the one established by Clark have been formed or proposed in 28 states, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Hepatitis C infection often do not occur until 10 to 30 years after infection. Reliable and accurate tests to detect the hepatitis C antibody were not available until 1992.

Since then, the tests have been used to screen blood supplies, reducing new cases of hepatitis C by more than 80%.

The majority of hepatitis C-positive veterans are of the Vietnam era who make up 63% of those veterans who tested positive for hepatitis C.

Because hepatitis C is transmitted through contact with infected blood, soldiers wounded in Vietnam, those who cared for the wounded, or anyone who received blood transfusions before 1992, should be tested for the virus.

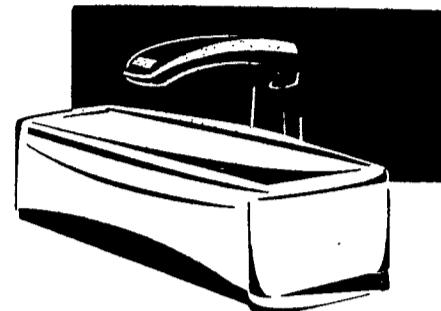


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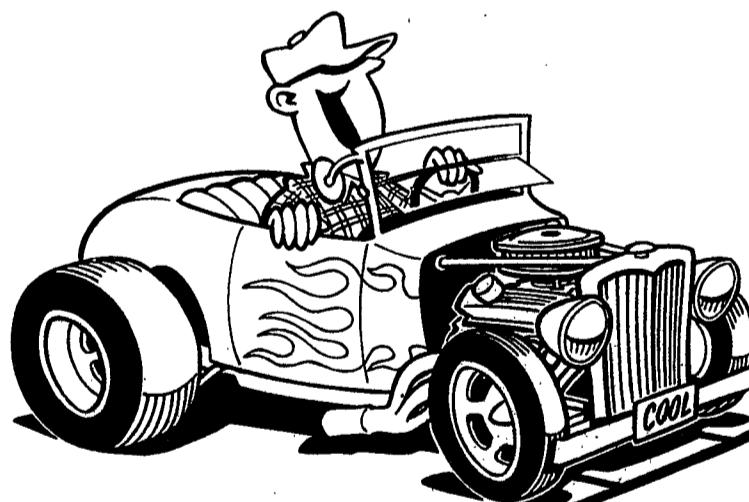
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others around the world could enjoy freedom. In Hancock County, there are two American Legion posts: Post 139 in Bay St. Louis and Post 77 in Waveland.

Post 139 will celebrate the day with a traditional graveside wreath ceremony at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery honoring World War I veteran and Marine Clement R. Bontemps, for whom the post was named. Bontemps was a native son of Bay St. Louis and one of the first casualties of the "War to End All Wars."

A ceremony at the Hancock County Veterans Monument located at the post will follow.

The present Commander Harold Giarrusso, a member of Post 139 for 11 years, was a sergeant in the 104th Infantry Division, the Timber Wolves, during World War II. He displays the Infantry badge and Timber Wolf button proudly on his Legion cap, the only medals he wears.

"There's only one way to get the infantry badge, and that is if you engaged in mortal combat," said Giarrusso, who retired as a captain after an almost 40-year career with the New Orleans Police Department.

"I landed in France just after the 1944 Cherbourg Invasion and saw battles there and in Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, and Germany," said Giarrusso. "And when I say we were in all those places, I mean we walked there, walked and fought."

The 104th saw the longest term of duty without any relief, he said. "There used to be an old saying during the war ... there's no such thing as an atheist in a fox hole ... and that is very true - you see your comrades beside you one minute and then they are gone the next."

Giarrusso was discharged from the army in 1946. "It was a heck of a year ... I also got married and joined the New Orleans police," he said.

And he, like many who have experienced the price of freedom first hand, is concerned with what he sees as the waning interest in appreciation for America's veterans.

Many younger people are not aware of the part that veterans have played in their freedom, he said. But he also sees hope that some children are being taught the importance of remembering.

"At a recent Veterans of Foreign Wars event, area school children presented club members with small paintings which said, thank you for our

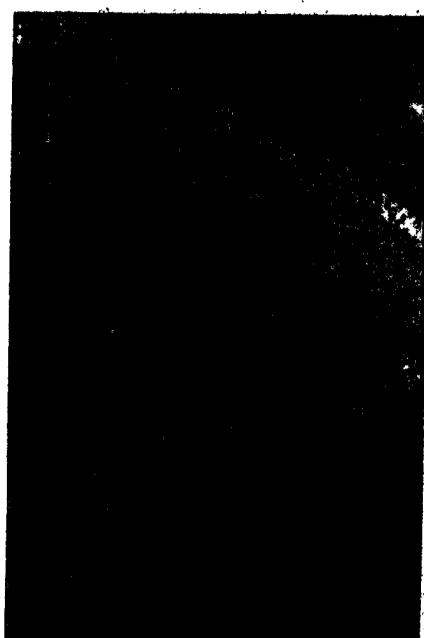


Photo courtesy of Harold Giarrusso
Post 139 Commander Harold Giarrusso as he was in 1944.



Photo courtesy of Kenny Wilkinson
Kenny Wilkinson of Post 77 is the Southern Area Commander for Mississippi and has been a Legion member for 50 years. He served in the United States Army during WW II.

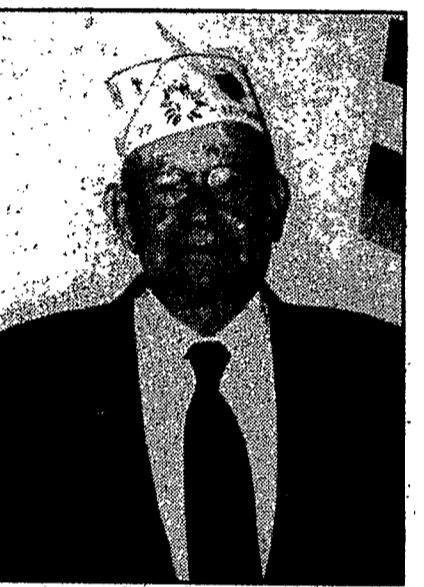


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Kenny Wilkinson of Post 77 is the Southern Area Commander for Mississippi and has been a Legion member for 50 years. He served in the United States Army during WW II.

freedom," Giarrusso said. "It's a start."

Post 77 will celebrate the day with a wreath ceremony at the memorial at the post at 11 a.m.

A program which will include participation from the Jr. ROTC and the Bay High ROTC Jazz Band, and a speech presented by Major Tim Kraus



Echo Staff Photo by Bennie Shallbetter
Post 139 members, Richard Johnson, Clyde Craig, and John Wilkerson at the Hancock County Veterans Monument at the post. Johnson and Wilkerson served in the Army and Navy, respectively, during the Korean War. Craig served in the Navy during WW II.

of the United States Air Force and the Bay JROTC instructor, will follow the ceremony.

Present Commander Russell L. Voorhies served as a Military Airlift Command Pilot during the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1975.

"I trained in a T-38 Talon and then was assigned to a C-124 Globemaster and a C-141 Starlifter for international flights," said Voorhies. "I flew both aircraft in and out of Vietnam." Voorhies has 15,000 hours of combined air time in both aircraft. He retired as a lieutenant colonel from the Air Force in 1992 and from TWA, where he flew commercially, in 1987. Voorhies also served at the Pentagon's Air Force Command Post during Desert Storm.

The most rewarding flights were the aero medical evacuation flights, Voorhies said. Flying the wounded back home.

"It was a great feeling when we actually passed out of Vietnam air space," Voorhies said. "I told them that nothing could make us turn back now - Gentlemen, you are on your way home," he would say.

Another favorite moment in the flights back to the West Coast, said Voorhies, was sighting the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco.

"On a clear day you could see all the way to the Sierra Mountains," he said. "I would

call the men up to the cockpit and show them their country. Many of them had tears in their eyes."

In the wake of Camille, Post 77 was formed and held its first meetings in the Town Hall on Coleman Ave. at Bourgeois St. Meetings were also held at the fire station, a vacant store on Waveland Ave., a small cottage on Sears Avenue, and Travis' Lounge at Waveland and Sears avenues. The present hall was officially opened on May 28, 1974 with a Memorial Day Observance.

The post was named for Elwood Bourgeois, who was reported missing in action in the North African Campaign during World War II; and James J. Stieffel and Dennis Ray, both of whom lost their lives during the Vietnam War.

Hurricane Camille destroyed the hall in 1969. Meetings were

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D'head United Methodist to host blood drive

The Diamondhead United Methodist Church, 5305 Noma Drive in Diamondhead will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, June 14, 2-7 p.m. in the lobby of the church. The Red Cross is in a critical state with their blood

reserves. They have goals for the number of "reserve" pints needed on hand in case of a serious accident here on the Coast.

For the longest time now they have not been able to meet that goal, but today they are at an all-time low.

If there were a major accident on the Coast right now, the Red Cross and other blood banks would not be able to supply the necessary blood. For more information, or to sign up in advance, please contact the church office at 255-6888.

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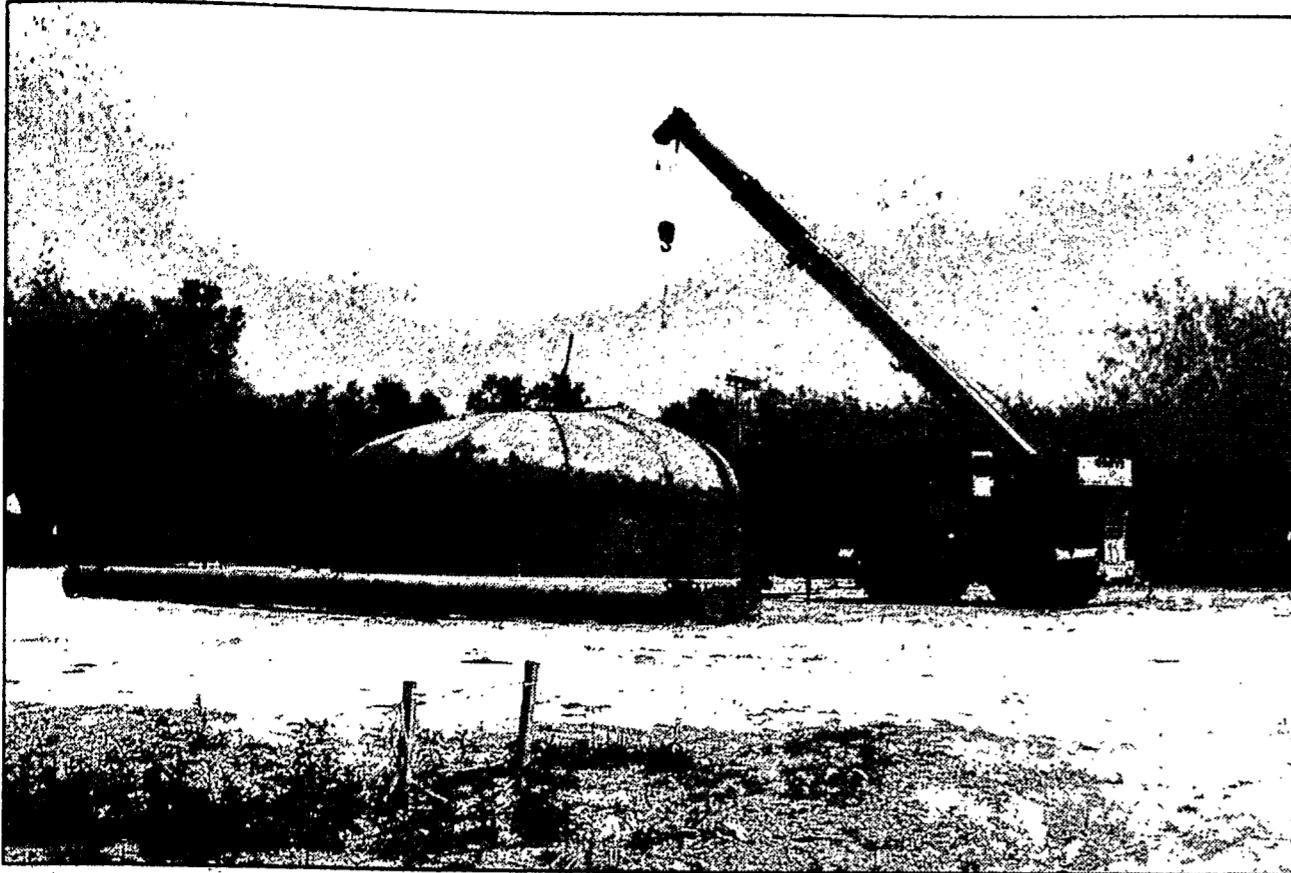
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**Going up**

Work crews are now on site welding together the elevated water tower, which will be located off Chapman road behind the East Hancock Volunteer Fire Department. The 150,000-gallon tower is the remaining element needed before the Hancock Water and Sewer District can begin providing water service to some areas of Shoreline Park on the east side of state Hwy. 603.

Shortfall -- schools

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meeting Wednesday. "Shortly after that, we received information that ... we had an unfunded mandate that was placed upon us by the state legislature."

"Basically, what we have is a shortfall that is going to require an increase in tax in order to overcome the (budget problems) imposed upon us by the legislature."

Currently, the district is operating with a projected total budget revenue of \$9,611,350; \$3,879,643 of that money comes from ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has a total projected revenue of \$9,941,480. Of that amount, \$4,243,564 - or about 43 percent - is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre addressed the board Wednesday on the matter, since the city council must make the changes that would increase the millage. Favre said the legislature had changed the Homestead exemption from \$60,000 to \$75,000. In other words, homeowners whose property at been valued at \$60,000 or below were exempted from tax on that property. Now, homeowners whose property is valued at \$75,000 or below are exempted - which threatens to put a \$250,000-275,000 strain on the school systems coffers.

"Basically what (the legislature) said," Favre added, "is 'We're gonna give the good and y'all have gotta do the bad.'"

Flowers said the board is now having to consider a three mill increase - from 42 to 45 mills - in order to recoup the funds lost to the Homestead amendment.

Favre said the three mills was an estimate, and could be more or less, depending on what happens between now and September when the hike would actually occur.

"Next year, a new mill will be worth about \$95,000," Favre said. "Last year, it was about \$97,000-\$98,000."

Still, Favre said, "For homeowners, owner-occupied dwellings - they're going to come out, for the most part, a little bit better overall, thanks to the Homestead exemption."

The school district board of trustees has scheduled a public hearing on the budget for June 11 at the board room at 201 Carroll Ave. at 5:30 p.m. to allow taxpayers an opportunity to comment.

On Thursday, the Hancock County School Board also discussed the budget problems faced by the new legislation.

"What we have to consider is how we're going to approach the the (estimated) \$225,000 deficit from the state legislature ...," district Superintendent of Education Mike Ladner told board members Thursday.

"How are we going to fund this deficit?" Last year, the district actually decreased the millage rate, but was able to see more than \$700,000 in increased funding due to new growth in the county and expanding population.

This year, Ladner said, growth is down.

"We project new growth this year to be less than \$3 million," Ladner said, "of which the school district will get only a small portion of taxes. "We might get a little over \$200,000 in new-growth funds."

The board has not yet determined whether to fund the deficit through budget cuts or increased millage, but will discuss the matter further at its next meeting.

In other matters affecting both districts: The Hancock County district's Tech Prep Coordinator/Curriculum Director Frances Weiler was officially hired by the Bay-Waveland district Wednesday night as the new North Bay

Elementary principal.

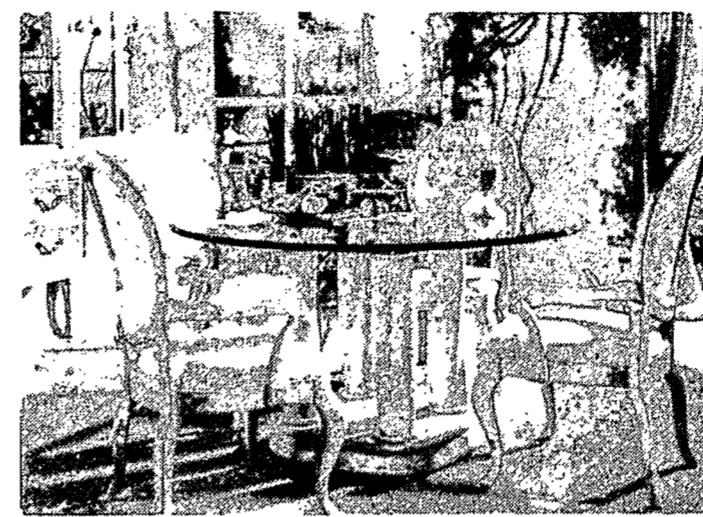
"We're very, very happy for you," Hancock board member Lennette Necaise told Weiler Thursday, "but we're very sad for our own school district."

**Relay for Life
captains meet**

There will be an American Cancer Society Relay for Life captains' meeting this Tuesday, May 29, at 5:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn at Waveland. The Relay for Life event takes place July 20 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. at J.D. McCullough stadium. For more info., call 896-8936.

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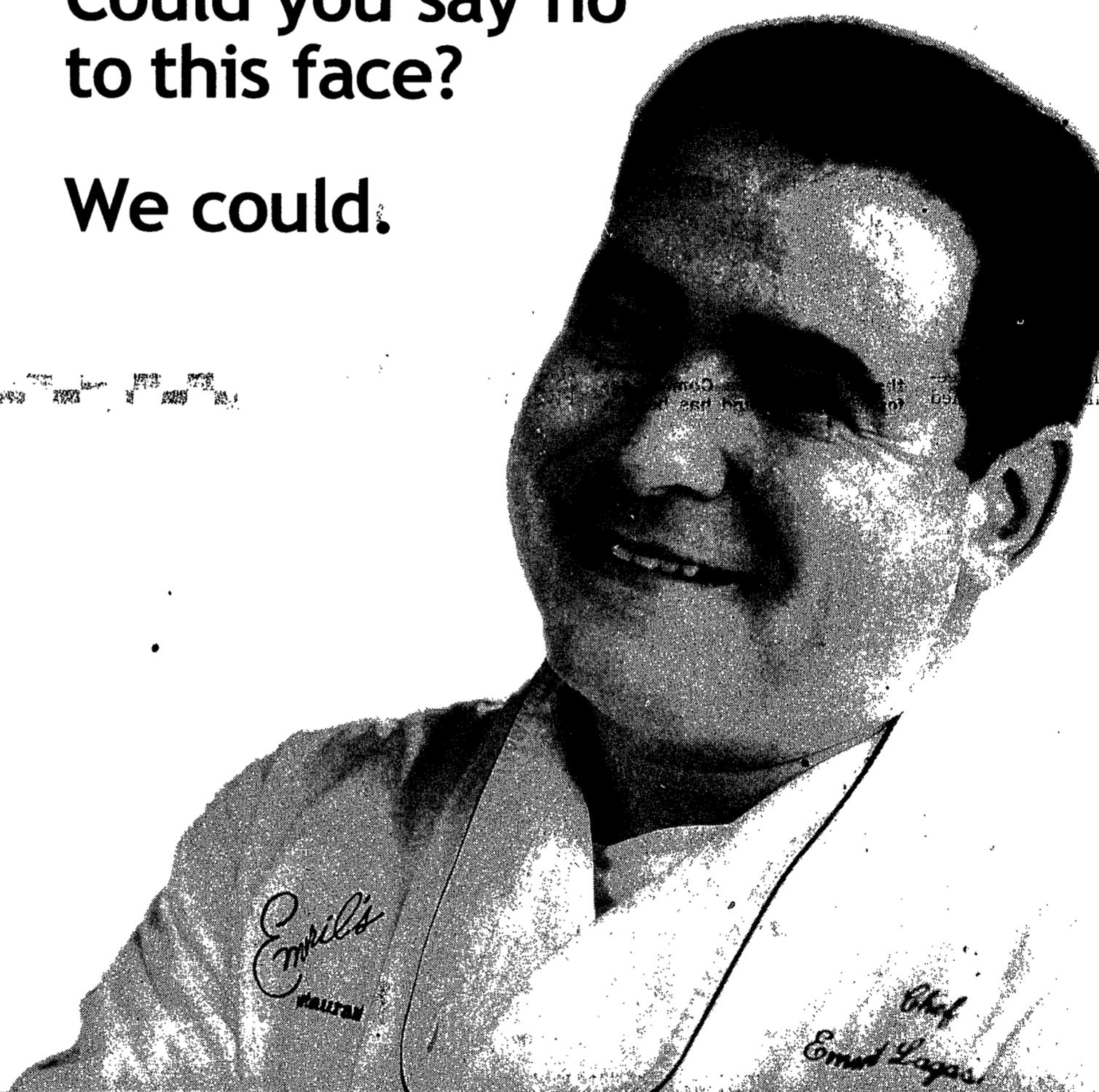
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New student orientation set for July 10 at PRCC

Orientation and early registration for new students planning to attend classes on the Poplarville campus of Pearl River Community College the 2001 fall semester is set for July 10-13 on the PRCC campus.

By participating in the orientation and early registration sessions, new students can receive their class schedules for the coming fall term, learn about campus life and opportunities, meet other students and talk with administrators, faculty and staff.

Students must have an admission application, ACT scores (academic and technical students), high school transcript, and financial aid forms (if applicable) on file with the college in order to attend the session.

The orientation and early registration dates are:

> TUESDAY, JULY 10

MSU announces dates for new student orientation sessions

Five orientation sessions will be held at Mississippi State during June for freshmen and transfer students enrolling this fall at the university.

Three two-day programs for freshmen and two one-day programs for transfer students are scheduled. In addition to advance class scheduling, students - and their parents - will have the opportunity to meet faculty members and administrators, as well as students

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> FRIDAY, JULY 13 - Open date for students who could not attend on their specific date and students living out of state.

Students must check in between 8:15 and 8:45 a.m. each day in Crosby Hall. A general assembly and small group sessions will be followed by lunch, advisement and registration.

Parents are encouraged to attend the sessions. Cost is \$25 per student and \$5 for parents. The cost includes lunch and must be paid at the door. Tuition and other college fees may be paid during orientation or they can be paid in the fall.

For a reservation, call the PRCC Guidance, Recruitment and Orientation office at (601) 403-1317.

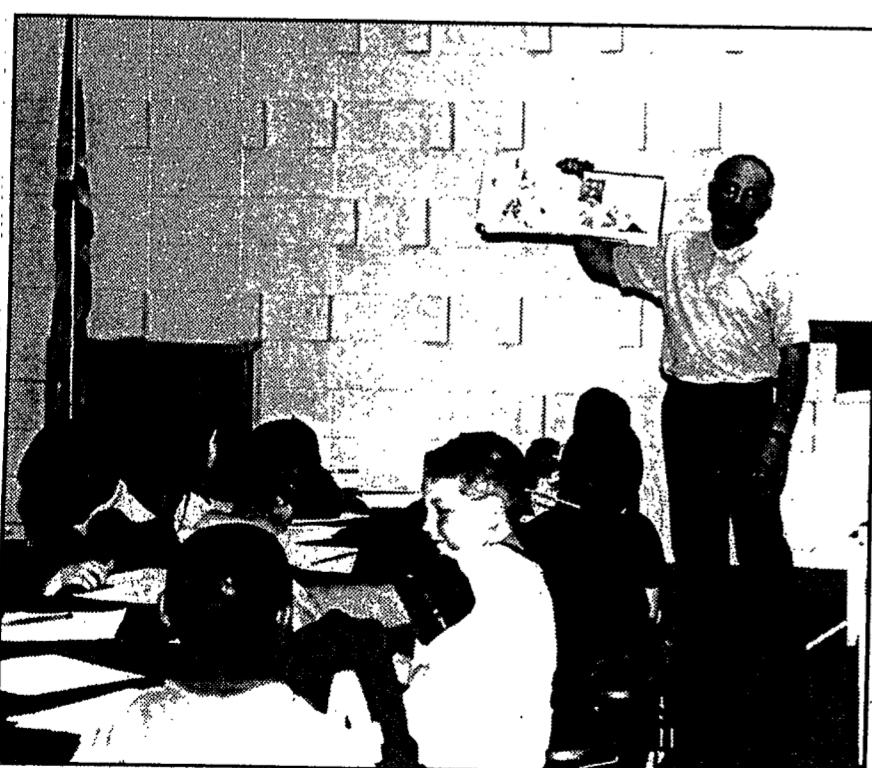
LSU graduates 2,852

Former President George Bush delivered the address at LSU's 244th commencement ceremonies in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center May 18. Some 2,852 students graduated.

Degrees were conferred on all students at the main ceremony in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center, followed by ceremonies

for each college, where students received their diplomas individually.

Students receiving degrees included Roger George Williams of Bay St. Louis, College of Engineering; and Charles D. Black of Waveland, E. J. Ourso College of Business Administration.

**This is how**

Award-winning children's book author, illustrator, and television cartoonist Mike Artell recently visited Charles B. Murphy Elementary in Pearlington to share his writing/drawing techniques and books with the K-5 students. Artell showed students how to draw animals such as a caterpillar, bee, and sheep as well as humorous cartoon-type drawings. Students were also treated to an out-loud reading of Artell's new children's book "Petite Rouge." This visit, made possible through the Hancock County School District's School-to-Careers grant, encouraged children to investigate their artistic abilities and provided a taste of careers in drawing, young authorship, illustration, and cartooning.

Li named valedictorian at Saint Stanislaus

Albert Li has been named Valedictorian and Gary Leung has been named Salutatorian of the 2001 graduating class of Saint Stanislaus College, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal.

Presently in his sixth year at Saint Stanislaus, Valedictorian Albert Li, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kwai Chun Li of Bay St. Louis, has earned President's Honor Roll throughout his high school career.

Li is the secretary of the Key Club and vice-president of the National Honor Society. He is a member of the Yearbook Staff, Quiz Bowl, Youth Legislature, and Math and Science Team.

Also named Star Student, Li plans to continue his studies at The University of California in San Diego.

Presently in his sixth year at Saint Stanislaus, Salutatorian Gary Leung, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pun Hing Leung of Long Beach, has earned President's or Alpha Honor Roll throughout his high school career.

Leung is president of the Key Club and National Honor Society. He is a member of the Liturgical Committee, Youth

Bufkin graduates nursing program

Pearl River Community College's Associate Degree Nursing Program graduated 30 students, including Jeanne L. Bufkin of Bay St. Louis, during commencement exercises recently in M.R. White Coliseum at Poplarville.

For a reservation, call the PRCC Guidance, Recruitment and Orientation office at (601) 403-1317.



Albert Li

Legislature, Quiz Bowl, cross country team, track team, Student Ministry, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Leung plans to continues his studies at The University of California in Davis.

The 147th commencement exercises took place Saturday, May 26, 2001, at 11:00 a.m. in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church.

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The Sea Coast Echo

SPORTS

Eddie Favre named King Neptune 2001

Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre has just received notice from the Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo Board of Directors that he has been selected to serve as King Neptune for the 52nd Annual Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, June 29-July 4.

Favre, who will be sworn in for his fourth term as mayor the day before the opening of the rodeo, joins the long line of men from Hancock County who have been selected for this honor, including the late Ed Orte, the late Ron Haas, Sr., the late Ed Arceneaux, and the late Leo Seal, Sr., J. C. Baxter and Leo Seal, Jr.

The rodeo, a three-county event headquartered at Rice Pavilion, Gulfport, was started by Coast political and business leaders to develop a major tourism event for the Gulf Coast to share.

This early dream of attracting hundreds to the Coast has grown to have a multi-million dollar impact on the three-county area as they supply the services needed and desired by fishermen and their families coming from throughout the country to participate in the rodeo.

The board announced that Favre's selection was based on his public service contributions to the Coastwide community and particularly for his diligent work on behalf of local charities.

Favre annually prepares hundreds of gallons of red beans and rice, jambalaya, crawfish Madeline, and other specialty dishes, to raise much-needed money for the American Cancer Society, Hope Haven Shelter, Our Lady of the Gulf and St. Rose de Lima churches, and others.

Favre hosts an annual golf

Boaters urged to use caution on Memorial Day weekend

Memorial Day weekend is here, and recreational boaters are urged to use caution on Mississippi waterways during this popular spring holiday, according to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

"We are looking for record crowd on our state's waterways during the upcoming Memorial Day holiday weekend," Boating Safety Director Maj. Jimmy Laird said.

"I'm estimating that some one million people will use our waterways as part of some water-related activity," Laird said. "Our enforcement officers with the Department of

tournament with generous proceeds being divided among several charities that this year included Hope Haven, Save Our Children Center, Make a Wish Foundation and the Firemen's Doll and Toy Fund.

On being told of his selection Favre said, "Wow! Thank you. This is an exciting opportunity that I fully intend to enjoy. I appreciate the chance to promote our Coast as the most wonderful area of the country to visit and have fun."

Favre, who began his service with the Bay St. Louis as its city clerk, became mayor in 1989, beginning more than a decade of unparalleled restoration and progress in this small Gulf Coast community that has become known as "A Place Apart."

While he focused his energies on progress in his hometown, Favre stepped out of background with his unprecedented stand for the passage of dockside gaming on the Coast.

"Tourism is the second largest employer in our state. In 2000 Hancock County alone enjoyed 1,460,000 million visitors spending over \$149 million. One in every \$7 of the state's general fund is there because of tourism. Every \$1 spent on tourism marketing brings our state \$54 dollars. Those numbers speak loudly to me and should to all of us in government and business," said the Mayor.

"We have the founders of the rodeo to thank for having the foresight to recognize the advantages of the tourism industry and for more than 50 years working to keep a quality event going and growing. I am so proud to be a part of this," he said.

Favre hosts an annual golf

Lakeshore football, cheerleader registration

Registration for LYAC football players and cheerleaders will begin Tuesday, May 29, 6-7 p.m. at the Lakeshore Field.

Cheerleader registration will end Friday, June 29. This is the deadline for girls wanting to cheer.

Youths between 7 and 12 are encouraged to come and sign up. The child must be 7 years old on or before Sept. 1 to be eligible to play. Players from last year are invited back.

A copy of the child's birth certificate, photo and insurance is required at this time.

For information, call Sandra Wheat at 255-7828, Michelle Pate at 466-2834 or Terri Lee at 463-0515.



Mayor Eddie Favre

Willis attends camp

Shown attending a minicamp at Holmes Community College in Clinton for the Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Basketball Teams recently are, from left, Michael Martin, Natchez High School, head boys All-Star coach; #24 Jonathan Patton, Picayune High School; #24 Monique Cowans, Moss Point High School; #3 J. R. Willis, St. Stanislaus High School; and Judy Morgan, Quitman High School assistant administrative coach. The Games will be played Saturday, June 9, at Flowers Hall, University of North Alabama in Florence. The Girls' game begins at 1 p.m., and the boys' game will follow at approximately 3 p.m. Mississippi won last year's girls' game, and that series is tied at 5-5. Alabama leads the boys series 6-4.

Ladner plays in USA Junior Nationals Championship

Due to an outstanding performance in the USA Junior Nationals all-state high school basketball competition, Cody Ladner, son of E. J. and Shelly Garriga, who is currently a 10th grader at Hancock High School, has been invited to participate in the prestigious USA Junior Nationals Championship Sports Festival July 9-15 (boys) and July 23-29 (girls) in Atlanta, Ga.

Based in Madison, Wis., the USA Junior National Team provides one of the top amateur competitions in the United States and offers its program to all athletes who have a high interest in basketball and are interested in developing their skills and techniques through statewide, national and international competition.

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USA Junior Nationals offers one-day competitions at 37 sites throughout the country in the spring with competitions scheduled throughout the South, Midwest, East and West coasts.

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Memorials and Memorial Day

BY HENRY J. COOK III

Our first duty is to remember. William Gladstone, a former British Prime Minister, once said, "Show me the manner in which a nation or a community cares for its dead, and I will measure exactly the sympathies of its people, their respect for laws of the land, and their loyalty to high ideals." I would say that this is especially true for soldiers who died because of their loyalty to this land. Those of us who have seen war's ugliness know firsthand that a battlefield does not honor its dead. It takes them without ceremony. Nor does a battlefield honor heroes. It only mocks their sacrifice with continuing misery and terror. But it is for those of us who have survived to remember those sacrifices and to honor our heroes. Honor them with memorials, like the Viet Nam Veteran's Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. and the Mississippi Viet Nam Veteran's Memorial in Ocean Springs.

Memorials not to war, but rather to the sacrifices of those who served.

Some time ago I visited the "moving wall", a half-sized replica of the Viet Nam Veteran's Memorial in Washington, D.C. I have not yet reached the point where I am ready to visit the original "wall" but decided that here was a chance to test myself on a visit to the traveling version.

As soon as I approached the wall I began to experience its impact, which seemed to increase in intensity as I drew nearer. This impact began as a

collision with my past; on one hand representing the best time of my life, the time of which I am most proud, a time when I faced the ultimate challenge—the challenge of combat.

But on the other hand, as I drew nearer, there they were, the names; the tragedy of more than 58,200 heroes. And do not forget the missing, the still unaccounted for POWs, the maimed and the civilian casualties. The impact of those names was coupled with the thought that each bullet, each shard of

shrapnel that took a life, stopped how many lives here at home? The flags covering those coffins covering only the obvious casualties.

The next feeling to impact on me was the importance of having memorials like the wall and our Mississippi Viet Nam Veteran's Memorial. Such memorials are important because our youth must be told the stories of what happened, what caused these memorials to be built. The history of the sacrifices must be told by the memorials and what better time to do this than on Memorial Day.

This history of our heroes must be told by the veterans themselves and by these memorials, so that our children and those who follow are made aware of the sacrifices made in the name of this great United States of America.

The deaths, the sacrifices, the nobility of the bonding of men in the profession of arms must not be sanitized from our history. We must be sure to do this as we remember on Memorial Day, we must also remember that there are people and organizations at work in this country who are attempting to re-write our history. Those who attempt under the guise of being "politically correct" to lessen the deeds of those warriors who served this country in favor of being more sensitive to the feelings of our former enemies. In support of that I remind you of the incident involving the Enola Gay and the Smithsonian Institute and the recent renaming of "V-J Day" as "End of the Pacific War Day".

If inroads are now being made to destroy our factual history of World War II (A war in which our people were united as a nation against the Axis Powers) and the sacrifices made by those we honor on

Memorial Day, what is going to happen to those later heroes we now remember to honor, those from

Korea, VietNam, Grenada, Panama, Somalia and the Gulf War.

We already know that Korea is often referred to as the "Forgotten War." That is already a reason for shame. Yes, we must remember. If we fail to remember those now silent, gentle heroes what is going to happen fifty years from now—will our heroes be remembered on Memorial Day? It is up to us to remember, to insure that those who follow us are knowledgeable of the true history of our heroes and that they too, remember. So on this Memorial Day, and everyday hereafter, we must remember.

Our second duty is to keep this country strong. Wars are not avoided, nor is the American dream preserved because one side is more logical, more enlightened, more politically correct, or more kind. This nation is great because it has always been strong. It has been strong because its individual citizens have believed in it so strongly that they have always been willing.

to provide a strong defense, and if necessary take up arms on its behalf. So it has always been and so must it ever be.

So for Memorial Day and every day hereafter, when you see someone you know to be a veteran or the family member of a veteran, remember to say thank you to them for their service.

And more importantly, remember to tell your children and grandchildren of the sacrifices made by those who have kept this great nation free and teach them to remember and honor those who served, and that Memorial Day is not just a day out of school or off work for picnics. It is a day to remember.

Henry J. Cook, III
Col.(Ret.) USA
Special Forces

Henry J. Cook, III is one of the originators of the Mississippi Viet Nam Veteran's Memorial. He is twice retired, as a soldier and lawyer. A combat veteran who served as a Colonel of Special Forces (Green Berets) and he also practiced law in the state of Mississippi. He now divides his time between Houma and Diamondhead.

If inroads are now being made to destroy our factual history of World War II (A war in which our people were united as a nation against the Axis Powers) and the sacrifices made by those we honor on

Thank You

To the members of the Hancock County Women's Club, Hancock County Republican Women's Club, Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 3253 and friends: Our heartfelt appreciation for your prayers, sympathy and support during the passing of my grand-daughter, Tammy Laird. My daughter and son-in-law, Lucette and Tom, join us in thanking you for your thoughtfulness.

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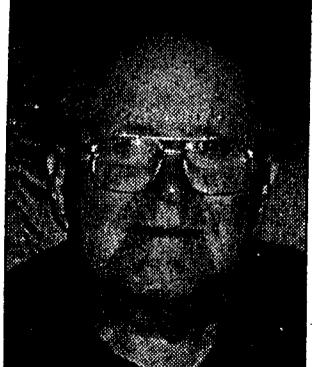


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SOC Summer Camp registration starts Mon.

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

The annual Hancock County Save Our Children Summer Camp registration will begin at 1 p.m. Monday, May 28, according to Geraldine Lang, chairman. Registrations are from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Save Our Children Center, 405 Necessaire Avenue, Bay St. Louis.

The summer camp begins Wednesday, June 6, and is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday ending July 20.

Lang said, "If necessary, arrangements can be made by working parents to pick up their children before 5 p.m."

"The camp is for children ages 5 through 15, and there is a registration fee of \$15. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at registration, and a birth certificate will be helpful," Lang said.

Activities include arts, crafts, field trips, workshops, educational opportunities, games, refreshments and a few parties, according to Lang.

The summer camp is to give our youth something to do during the summer, and there will also be several individuals from the community to discuss different subjects of interest to our youngsters," Lang added.

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Obituaries

ANN PELICAN WILLIAM ROTHERHAM GOLDIE SELIGA

ANN PELICAN
Ann Bouvier Pelican, 37, a native of Metairie and a resident of Mobile, Ala. for the past five years, died Friday, May 25, in Mobile.

She was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church and was active in the Sodality Club.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Alice Mary Bouvier.

Survivors include her husband of 14 years, Aldrin John Pelican, Jr. of Mobile; three daughters, Danielle, Erin and Emily Pelican; a son, Seth Pelican, all of Mobile; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace J. Bouvier of Metairie; two sisters, Susan (Phillip) Hedrick of Kenner, Nancy (Russell) Whitman of Bay St. Louis; three brothers, Morris (Antoinette) Bouvier of Kenner, Joseph Bouvier of New Orleans and Ricky Bouvier of Metairie; nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, May 28 at 12:30 p.m. in St. Angela Merici Catholic Church. Visitation will be at the church from 10 a.m. until service time.

Entombment will be in Lakelawn Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are by Radney Belmany Funeral Home, 6110 Grelot Road, Mobile, Ala.

WILLIAM ROTHERHAM

William M. "Bill" Rotherham, 84, of Waveland, died Friday, May 25, 2001, in New Orleans.

Mr. Rotherham, a musician

and NOPSI retiree, was a resident of Waveland for the past 17 years, was a Navy veteran of WWII; a member of American Legion Post 77 in Waveland and VFW Post 3253 in Bay St. Louis; and was also a member of AARP and Senior Citizens Clubs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Henry and Dorothy Zoerner Rotherham, and one brother.

Survivors include his wife, Mayola E. Rotherham; son Robert Rotherham of Metairie; step-sons Wade Levron, Myron Levron and Al James Levron, all of Houma, and Dean Levron of Atlanta, Ga.; step-daughters Werlin Robert of Chauvin, La. and Karen Kelly of Houma; sister Walda Ann Bauer of Slidell; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; 14 step-grandchildren; and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday evening at Riemann Funeral Home Chapel followed by services. A graveside service will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum.

The family prefers memorials to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 638, Gulfport, MS 39502.

Biloxi National Cemetery.
GOLDIE SELIGA

Goldie Seliga, 82, of Diamondhead, died Thursday, May 24, 2001, in Diamondhead.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Julius D. Seliga;

her parents, Daniel and Mary Barna Meinzinger; a brother

and two sisters,

Survivors include sons Dan Seliga of Diamondhead, Lee Seliga of Chagrin, Ohio, Paul Seliga of Stow, Ohio; and Lee Seliga of Burton Ohio; daughters Judy Frygier of Maple Heights, Ohio and Janet Santoli of Sagamore Hills, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Former NOAA chief retires after 30-year Naval career

Capt. Larry Warrenfeltz of Mandeville, former commander of the Naval Oceanographic Office and Chief of Staff of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, retired from the U.S. Navy last week after nearly 30 years of military service.

He served as Commanding Officer of the Naval Oceanographic Office at Stennis from 1997 to 2000. He served as Chief of Staff for the Meteorology and Oceanography Command, also based at Stennis, from 2000 until 2001.

He also served as Commanding Officer of the Naval Ice Center and Director of the National Ice Center.

In retirement ceremonies at Stennis, Warrenfeltz received a Legion of Merit for his visionary accomplishments in his last assignment as the Chief of Staff of the 3,000-person world wide Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command.

Warrenfeltz is a native of Smithsburg, Md. He earned a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., in 1975. He earned a master's degree in meteorology and oceanography and graduated with distinction from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., in 1980.

He earned a Ph.D. in the Naval Postgraduate School in meteorology in 1987. His dissertation research investigated the reasons for extremely rapid strengthening of certain storms over the warm waters of the

Gulf Stream.

He was designated a Naval oceanographer in 1978, after serving aboard the guided missile frigate, USS Talbot, based in Norfolk, Va., and Mayport, Fla.

Warrenfeltz also served as meteorologist and oceanographer aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN68) and as oceanographer for the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea.

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He is married to the former Nancy Ludwick of Pottstown, Pa. They plan to move to Pensacola, Fla., where he will work as the Sponsored Research Executive at the University of West Florida.

Their son, Jim, is a junior computer science major at Tulane University. Their daughter, Lindsay, will study sports medicine and play softball for the Argonauts of West Florida.

BellSouth expands economic development incentives

BellSouth recently filed a tariff with the Mississippi Public Service Commission to expand existing economic development incentives and waivers. These changes are effective immediately.

The updated tariff mirrors changes made to the Advantage, Mississippi Act passed during last year's special legislative session and allows BellSouth to offer deposit waivers, installation charge waivers and reduced recurring charges to an expanded array of business. The guidelines are simple and once a business qualifies, they become eligible to take advantage of the incentives.

Incentives for existing businesses apply only to qualified, newly ordered services related directly to increased employment from additional jobs.

"At BellSouth we're doing everything we can to promote economic development in Mississippi," said John McCullough, BellSouth-Mississippi president.

"The big news here is the expanded number and type of businesses that now qualify for these incentives. For example, date processing and computer software development businesses that provide a large number

of job opportunities and offer on-site training for employees now qualify."

Mississippi Public Service Commissioner Chairman Nielsen Cochran said that the tariff changes would be beneficial to the state's new economic development strategy.

The Public Service Commission is pleased to assist in any opportunity to encourage existing businesses to expand, as well as new businesses to locate in Mississippi."

BellSouth-Mississippi provides a full array of broadband data and e-commerce solutions to business customers, including Web hosting and other Internet services.

In the residential market, BellSouth offers DSL high-speed Internet access, advanced voice features and other services. BellSouth also provides online and directory advertising services, including BellSouth's Real Pages.com.

Additional information about Mississippi's economic development incentives can be referenced at [ftp://billstatus.is.state.ms.us/2003E/pdf/sb/2001-2099/SB2001IN.pdf](http://billstatus.is.state.ms.us/2003E/pdf/sb/2001-2099/SB2001IN.pdf) or <http://www.dfa.state.ms.us/AdvantageMSInitiative.pdf>.

Casino security group helps Boys & Girls Clubs

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast have received a \$1,000 donation from the Gulf Coast Casino Security Directors Association (GCSDA).

The association is made up of security directors and personnel from the Coast casinos and has been in existence for over eight years.

Funds are raised by hosting seminars that are offered to casino security personnel across the country. Money received from these seminars is then donated to community-based non-profit organizations annually.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast provide daily programs and services to over 2500 members in Biloxi, Gulfport, Pass Christian and Picayune.

The clubs are open Monday through Friday, 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. with programs that emphasize character and leadership development, education and career enhancement, health and life skills, the arts, and sports, fitness and recreation.

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Con-Tech awarded contracts

Con-Tech Power Systems, Inc., an electrical switchgear manufacturer with facilities in Hancock County, has been awarded numerous contracts for state-of-the-art digital controlled power generation switchgear equipment required for the Merchant Power Industry.

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Submitted by
Craig Foster
Edward Jones Co.

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Today's retirees are opening their own businesses, consulting, traveling, pursuing their hobbies and even going back to school.

And with advances in health care and an increased awareness of the importance of healthy lifestyles, many of us can now expect to live two, or even three, decades in retirement.

To support your chosen lifestyle for all those years, you'll need to look at how you can turn your retirement savings into retirement income. Let's consider some of the options you have available.

First, if you do open a new business or do some consulting, you will receive earned income. How much you earn depends, of course, on what you do and how much you plan to work.

But even many "working retirees" find that they still have to draw on their retirement plans, such as their 401(k) or IRA, to supplement their income. So, let's take a look at some ways you can get at these funds.

When you leave your job or retire, you can get instant access to your 401(k). But if you take this money in a lump sum, you'll face a big tax hit. It may be a better idea to roll your 401(k) money over to an IRA administered by a brokerage firm.

You won't have to pay immediate taxes, and you can avoid possible IRS penalties. You'll also gain more investment options and more control over the size of your eventual withdrawal.

Workers may qualify for additional benefits

Former employees of two Mississippi companies who lost their jobs due to imports may be eligible to receive payments and to qualify for reemployment services, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission (MESC) announced.

Employees of Fayette Enterprises in Fayette who were laid off or had hours reduced after April 5, 2000 and workers at Dunbrooke Industries, Inc. in Ocean Springs who were laid off or had hours reduced after April 11, 2000 may be eligible to receive Trade Act benefits.

The benefits allow the worker to qualify for training, a job search allowance and relocation payments, said Johnny Conwill, Director of the Unemployment Insurance Division of MESC.

Trade Act benefits are paid to workers who lose their job or whose hours of work and wages are reduced as a result of increased imports.

The Fayette Enterprises employees produced tables and office equipment and the Dunbrooke Industries employees produced jackets. U.S. imports of tables, office equipment and jackets have increased significantly in recent years resulting in the loss of domestic jobs, according to the

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What if you don't need your 401(k) or traditional IRA funds right away? You can delay taking withdrawals until you reach 70 1/2, when the government requires you to start taking minimum distributions. (This rule does not apply to Roth IRAs.)

Of course, the longer you wait before you start tapping into your 401(k) or traditional IRA, the larger your account may grow.

In fact, it might grow so large that you can't use it all during your lifetime. If that happens, however, you can pass on the remaining balance to your heirs.

Be careful, though - this type of transfer could have estate-tax consequences, so discuss this option with your tax adviser.

This estate-tax issue highlights the need for you to do some serious planning regarding your retirement income. If you have too much income, you could get bumped into a higher tax bracket.

But if you take too little income, you could end up fattening your taxable estate. So look at all your funding sources: Social Security, 401(k), pensions, IRAs and personal investments. Then, see how you can get all these sources to work together to provide you with the "Goldilocks" level of retirement income - not too much, not too little, but just right.



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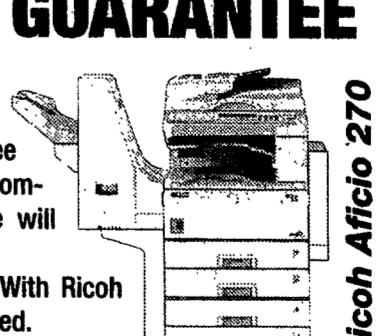
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State superintendent urges parents, students to nominate Miss. teachers for award

USA TODAY is seeking 20 individuals and instructional teams for the All-USA Teacher First Team. Their successes will be described and their photographs published prominently in USA TODAY in October.

The teachers receive trophies as representatives of all outstanding teachers, and their schools receive a \$2,500 cash award from USA TODAY.

The 20 educators named to the Second and Third Teams will be featured in the newspaper and will receive certificates honoring their achievements.

First Team members will be invited to join the All-USA Teacher Team Network, founded and run by former First Team members so they can serve as a resource for one another.

"I want to see several Mississippi teachers win this prestigious award," said State Superintendent of Education Dr. Richard Thompson. "Our teachers are dedicated, professional, caring individuals who deserve national recognition."

"Teachers from across the Southeast won this award last year," said Thompson. "I hope our students and their parents will get involved to ensure a Mississippi teacher makes the All USA Teacher First Team."

USA TODAY seeks to honor teachers in all grade levels who excel in a variety of teaching situations. Teachers from urban, rural and suburban schools, public and private,

teachers of special education and gifted students, and teachers who travel to more than one school throughout the year all have been named to the First Team. Instructional teams of no more than five members who are assigned the same group of students and who collaborate to plan, teach and evaluate those students can be nominated as a single entity.

A teacher or instructional team may be nominated by anyone, including students, former students, parents, colleagues, staff members or administrators.

Self-nominations are not accepted, but nominees must fill out the form and explain how they achieve their success.

Teachers may not be nominated without their knowledge. To nominate a teacher or team, complete the nominator's statement, sign it and give it to the nominee. The nominee(s) must complete the rest of the form.

Each nomination form must include one, and only one, nominator's statement. Either the nominator or nominee must secure two letters of recommendation in addition to the nominator's statement.

To receive a nomination form, log onto USA TODAY's web site, www.allstars.usatoday.com, call 1-800-872-2216, or contact the Mississippi Department of Education at (601) 359-3519.

Completed nomination forms must be postmarked by June 30, 2001.



Hancock County Exchange Club's Student of the Month for May was Bay High School student Mary Glattina. She received a \$50 savings bond from Wayne Hoffman of Edmond Fahey Funeral Home. Pictured are, from left, Stan Partridge, assistant principal of Bay High School; Glattina; Janell Nolan, youth chairperson; and Hoffman, Edmond Fahey Funeral Home, sponsor.



Hancock County Exchange Club's Student of the Month for April was Hancock High School's Dorothy Porcello. She received a \$50 savings bond from Ida Maculick of Coast Electric. Pictured are, from left, Barbara White, Hancock High School librarian; Porcello, Maculick of Coast Electric, sponsor; and Janell Nolan, youth chairperson.

USMGC to offer grant-writing seminar

Finding the necessary funding to develop a good idea will be subject for three seminars this summer at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The seminars in grant writing will emphasize finding the right fit between a dream and funding source for both non-profit and governmental agencies. Participants will learn to search for grant sources, and how to package a vision into a form that the funding agency recognizes as fitting into its mission.

The seminars are scheduled for:

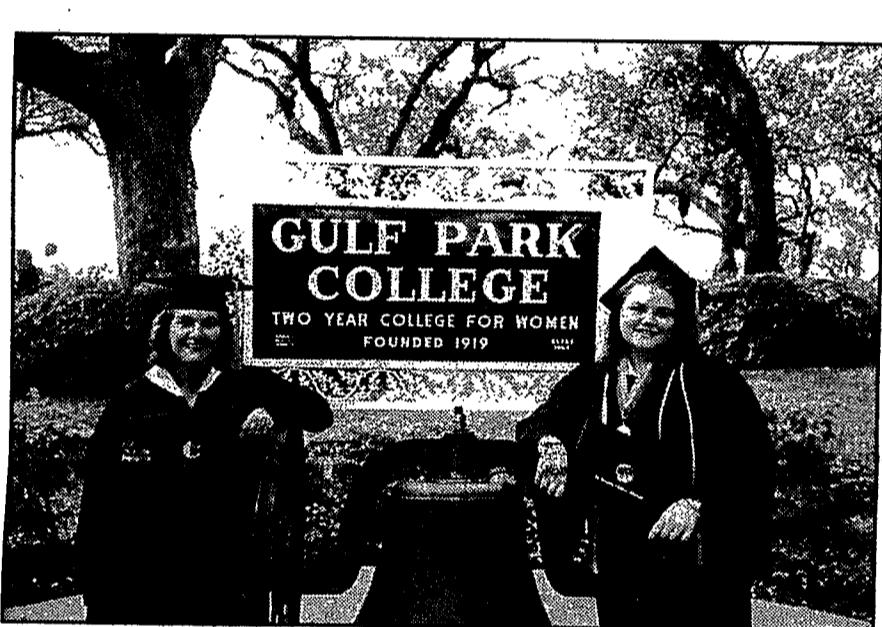
-- 8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., June 9 and 16 on the Gulf Park campus;

-- 6:30 p.m., July 10, 17 and 24 on the Gulf Park campus; and

-- 8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Aug. 18 and 25 on the Jackson County campus.

The fee for any of the three seminars is \$89.

For more information or to register, call the USMGC Division of Continuing Education at (228) 867-8777 at the Gulf Park campus, or (228) 497-5135 at the Jackson County campus.



Graduates

Chrissy Ann Dear of Bay St. Louis and Jessica Jane Lytle of Waveland each received a bachelor's degree May 12 from the University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Park. Both are 1996 graduates of Our Lady Academy. Dear is the daughter of Earl and Marilyn Richard of Baton Rouge and the granddaughter of Junius and Loretta Braud of Bay St. Louis and William and Patricia Munson of Picayune. She was graduated with honors in mathematics and a minor in biology. Lytle is the daughter of Lyndon and Sandra Lytle of Waveland and the granddaughter of Lyndon and Genevieve Lytle of Ansley and William and Lillian Traight of New Orleans. Lytle received her degree in psychology with honors. She is a charter member of the USM-Gulf Park division of the Psi Chi Honor Society. Both plan to earn master's degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

Summer Reading Program schedule available on Web

Information about the Hancock County Library System's 2001 Summer Reading Program and the schedule of programs and activities is now available on the library system's homepage on the Web at www.hancock.lib.ms.us.

Registration is currently open for children and young adults, pre-school age through eighth grade. Programs and activities will begin the week of June 4. They will be held Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Waveland Library and Literacy Center, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library; Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Kiln Public Library; and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the Pearlington Public Library. Theme for this year's program is *Orbit the World with Books*. Highlighting the programs will be visits from the Hurricane Hunters, StenniSphere, the Starlab Planetarium, and the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center.

The Hurricane Hunters' WC 130 plane will land at Stennis International Airport and take children on tours of the plane.

StenniSphere will make presentations on the exhibits available at the attraction and will display the inflatable shuttle and astronaut.

The Starlab Planetarium, an inflatable dome, will allow children to see the night sky. And for more information on the program, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; Sandy Brinkman, Waveland Library and Literacy Center, 467-9240; Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724; or Sue Toledo, Pearlington Public Library, 533-0755.



Reading Fair winner
Scott Hussey, son of Max and Debbie Hussey of Diamondhead is an eighth grade student at Hancock Middle School. After placing second at Hancock Middle School's Reading Fair, Scott went on to win first place at the district level. He then represented Hancock County School District at the Regional Reading Fair Competition at Stone County High School in Wiggins where he placed third at the regional level.

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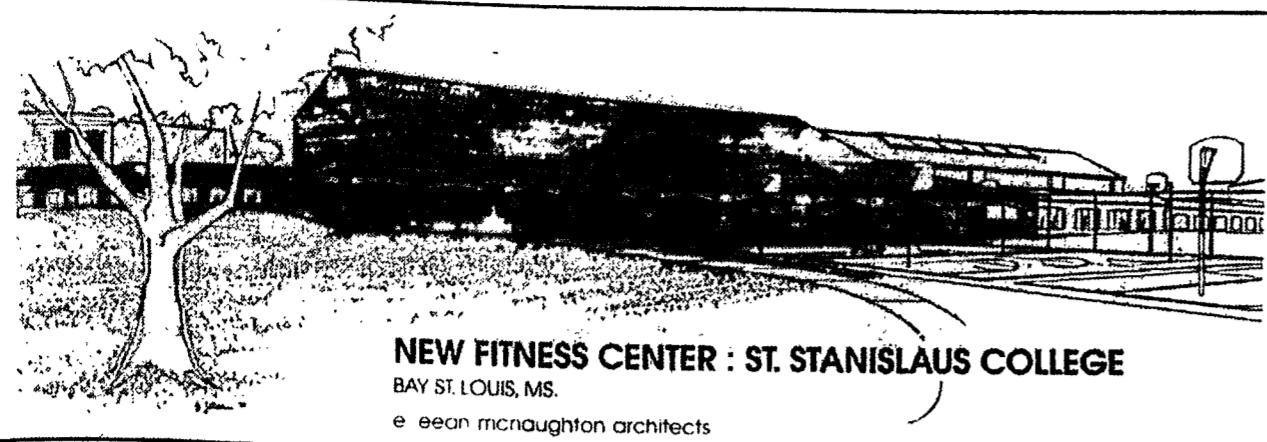
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St. Stanislaus holds capital campaign kickoff and groundbreaking ceremony

Saint Stanislaus will hold its capital campaign kickoff and groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday, May 29 at 10:45 a.m. in the Brother Peter Gymnasium, according to Brother Ronald Talbot.

According to Brother Ronald Talbot, "This campaign will allow us to meet the needs of our 21st century students and help the Brothers of the Sacred Heart continue its long and proud tradition of excellence and character formation."

Over the past year, SSC has completely rebuilt its tennis courts and outdoor basketball courts. The groundbreaking

additions to the SSC campus and funds to increase endowment funds for tuition assistance.

This facility will house locker rooms, a practice gym, a modern strength training facility as well as needed classroom space for health classes.

Future plans include a new fine arts facility, expanded library facilities, and renovations and additions to the athletic complex, as well as new facilities for transportation and maintenance support.

Wholistic Wellness Network meets

The Wholistic Wellness Network, Gulf Coast Chapter, meets the first Friday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Jeff Davis Community College Gym Classroom.

The next meeting will be Friday, June 1. Topic will be Therapeutic Use of Hypnotherapy. Speaker will be John Brazitis, certified clinical hypnotherapist. He has 8 1/2 years of experience in the field, has extensive training and is available at his Hypnotherapy Center in Gulfport.

The Wholistic Wellness Network is a community based, tax-exempt and non-profit organization, 501 (c) (3), composed of complementary health care practitioners, physicians, and interested members of the community.

The Wholistic Wellness Network (WWN) exists to integrate alternative medicine with conventional medicine at both the community and the institutional levels.

WWN's function is to improve wellness within the community through outreach, research and education. The vision is that each participating community be known as one of the healthiest in the nation, modeling an ideal integrated wellness system.

WWN seeks to educate the public by providing monthly membership meetings with speakers, speakers bureau, healthcare referrals, quarterly newsletters, website, healing herb garden, and many other community activities and workshops.

President and founder is Henri Roca, MD, LMT, CCHT, Baton Rouge.



Sun Day at Hancock Middle

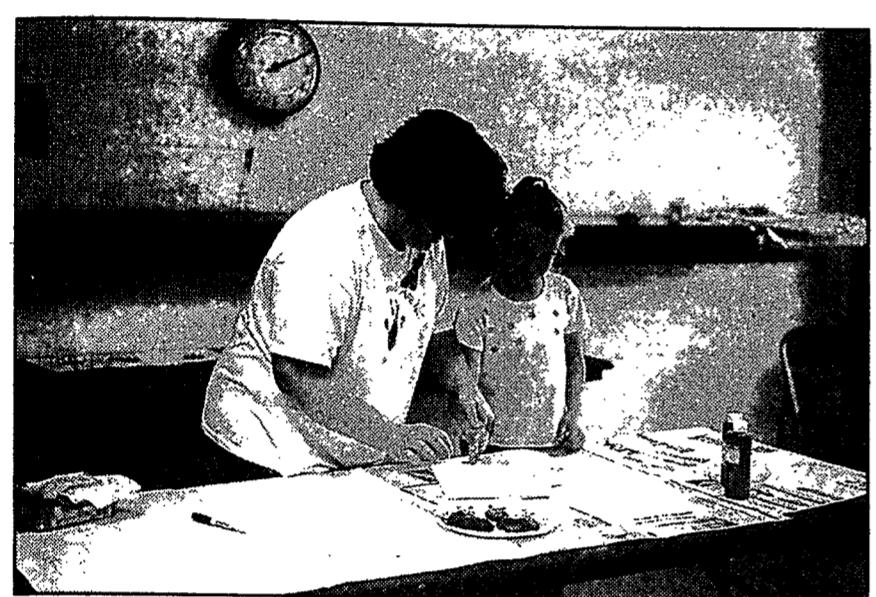
Ann Cook with the Education Office at Stennis Space Center talks to Hancock Middle School eighth grade students during Sun Day. The event paired Stennis Space Center employees with schools throughout Mississippi and Louisiana to teach students about the relationship of the sun to the earth. Other visiting speakers included Kelly Witherspoon with Mississippi Space Services, Lieutenant Mike McFarland with the Naval Oceanographic Office, and Dave Gilhouse from National Data Buoy Center. They spoke about storms, tides, aurora borealis, greenhouse effect, ozone layer, and other weather-related topics.

Bay-W'land Schools begin hiring substitute teachers

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- 2. Have 15 hours of college credit; or
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- 4. Have a high school diploma/equivalent and meet pre-employment criteria for paraprofessionals.

All applicants will be subject to background checks in accordance with state law.

To receive an application or to update a past application, come by the district office at 201 Carroll Avenue or call 467-6621.



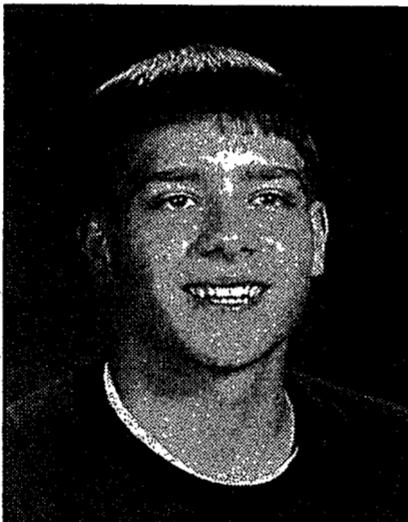
USMGC reading camp

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast is offering reading help this summer for children who need additional instruction.

The USMGC reading camp will be held from 9-10 a.m., June 4-21, at the Gulf Park campus here and at USM Jackson County in Gautier.

The cost of the program is \$10. Tutors for the program will be USMGC students enrolled in senior level reading courses. They will be supervised by USMGC faculty.

For more information or to register, contact the Division of Education and Psychology at 865-4512, or 497-3636.



Burrell is national award winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Brady Burrell of Bay St. Louis has been named a United States National Award Winner in Leadership & Service.

This award is a prestigious, honor very few students can ever hope to attain. The Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Brady, who attends Bay High School, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

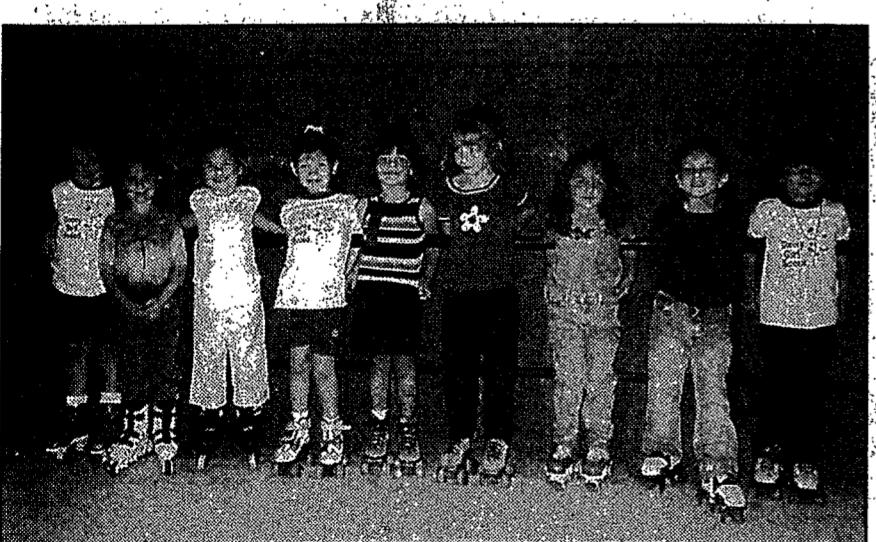
The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy.

The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Brady is the son of Raymond and Wanda Burrell of Bay St. Louis. His grandparents are Lilo Clifton of Bay St. Louis and the late Thomas Clifton and the late Nellie and Edgar Burrell.

Second Liners

On May 3, the Bon Temps Roulez Second Liners of Mississippi participated in the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival for the 14th time. Some members of the Diamondhead Dance Club joined them to help make this year's celebration a great success. The directors of both groups are Charles and Ruth Olivier of Diamondhead.



Skating Daisies

Emma McRaney, left, Hannah Wood, Amy Love, Camille Swanson, Andrea Holloman, Amber Koenenn, Kendall Ritten, Sarah Boozer, and Vicki Huckabee are shown taking a break during a busy afternoon of skating at the Twin Pines Roller Rink in Bay St. Louis. The skating party was organized by the Bay/Waveland Service Unit to benefit the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund, which was established by the Girl Scouts in 1927 in memory of the founder of Girl Scouts, Juliette Gordon Low. The fund supports international friendship through service projects, training events, and exchange visits for Girl Scouts from 118 nations as a way to extend Girl Scouting to new members in many parts of the world.

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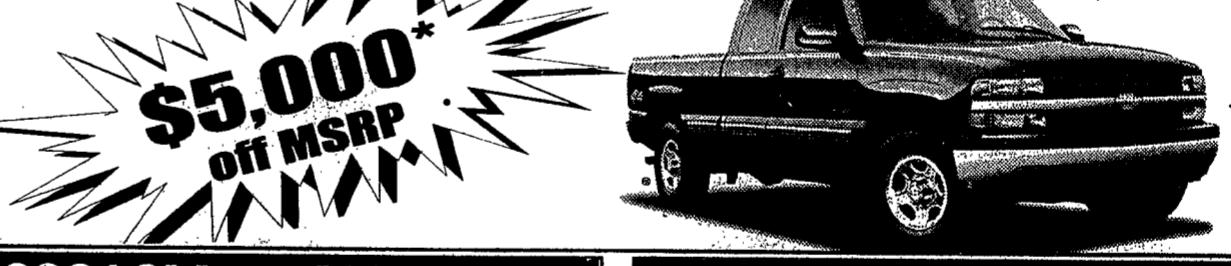
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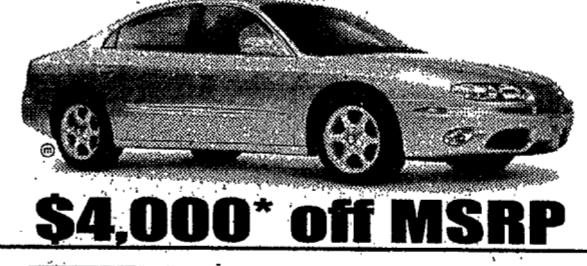
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Joseph A. Pearson with Turkey Creek painting in background. With back to camera is Senator Debra Dawkins.

Miss. Heritage Trust selects Pearson work

The Mississippi Heritage Trust conducts an annual statewide campaign for the identification and preservation of Mississippi's most endangered historic sites known as "Mississippi's 10 Most Endangered Historic Places" program.

As part of the 10 Most Program, MHT sponsored a silent auction of the original painting of each of the 10 historic sites in conjunction with a charity event held on April 26 in Jackson to raise awareness of those sites.

One of those sites is the Turkey Creek and Ripley Road area in North Gulfport. Award-winning Coast artist Joseph Anthony Pearson was been nominated to express his unique interpretation of this area.

Turkey Creek was formerly a pristine, clear body of water. Consequently, because of neglect, it has become polluted, overgrown and sadly unattended. Pearson's interpretation, based on this information is designed to express the fact that at one time this creek was

the community's only recreational site.

It was used for fishing and baptizing. Because African-Americans were not allowed access to the Mississippi beaches, Turkey Creek was the only place available to the community for swimming.

Pearson's painting focuses on the activities of fishing and swimming. I chose a broad view of the creek to emphasize the creek as the focal point of the community. The water itself is intended to symbolize the spirit of the community. As this was an area of social and religious activities, the water served as the unifying element of the community were folks gathered to enjoy a day of fishing and sharing. Considering that Blacks were not allowed to swim on the beaches it also made political statement. In this piece, as in all of my work I try to make as direct a statement as possible in order to encourage a greater understanding of what I am trying to communicate through the work. I am satisfied that this piece seems to have done that."

Collectors Show in Gautier

On June 1-3, Quality Collectors Shows of Memphis will return to the Singing River Mall in Gautier to present their collectors show.

Show times are regular mall hours, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 12 to 6 p.m. on Sunday. There is no admission charge for the show, and ample free parking is available.

Several dozen dealers from many states in the South will offer a wide variety of collectibles, including, coins, stamps, currency, numismatic supplies, stamp collecting supplies, comics, movie posters, NASCAR collectibles, baseball cards, non-sports cards, sports memorabilia, beanie babies, casino collectibles, and many other items.

Collectors of all levels of expertise, as well as interested non-collectors, are invited to come and buy, sell, trade, or just browse among the thousands of items on display.

Many of the dealers will offer free verbal appraisals of visitors' collectibles.

Richard Martin, show chairman for Quality Collectors Shows commented, "We are happy to be back at Singing River Mall to bring our many friends in the Gautier area another fine collectors show. There will be many quality dealers available, offering a wide variety of collectibles. Many folks have described our shows as a traveling museum."

Discovery Center events

In June, the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport celebrates summer full. On Saturday, June 2 at 1 p.m., martial arts instructor Joel Moon gives a demonstration and workshop on karate. In the Artist Studio, paint primitive art piece in the style of Clementine Hunter. Ongoing sessions. Celebrate Flag Day with patriotic songs sung by our Children's Chorus on Saturday, June 9 at 2 p.m. In the Artist Studio, discover early American tramp art and make your own wooden picture frame. Ongoing sessions.

On Friday, June 15, join the Children of Christ Drill Team from Jackson as they share their marching and precision skills at 1 p.m. The award-winning Sweet Adelines from Mobile present a barbershop quartet concert on Saturday, June 16 at 2 p.m. In the Artist Studio, design a "crazy quilt" collage. Ongoing sessions.

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winning. See the Magic Money Players Club for details.

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Broadcast Live from the Lobby with Coach Irvin Favre - Join Coach Favre as he recaps each home game live from the main lobby of Casino Magic Bay St. Louis at 7 p.m. Each show follows the previous week's home game with special guests. See below for live home game show dates:

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Many flowers thrive in shade



BY NORMAN WINTER
MSU Horticulturist
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With spring bedding plant season in full swing, many gardeners are faced with trying to add beds of color to shady areas of the yard and finding a lot more choices than most gardeners ever dreamed.

The first plants to consider for these areas have to be impatiens. Impatiens are impressive with their vibrant colors that can yield tremendous floral displays from now until fall if watered thoroughly throughout the summer.

Bed preparation is crucial if these plants are to put on the enormous growth and bloom production that is possible. The plants need a well-drained, organic-amended bed. Space at least 15 to 20 inches apart, depending on the variety.

The Dazzler series of impatiens has long been one of the best choices.

There is sure to be a color to suit your palette. I like not only the hot reds and oranges, but varieties like Lilac Splash which is lavender with a dark magenta eye. The pastel colors and white selections really show up well in shady borders.

Another good group is the Cajun series. Cajuns are "stretch resistant" by virtue of their short internodes and an initial horizontal growth, so they do not get long and leggy in the heat and humidity. Their large flowers are available in several colors and a mix.

Super Elfin may be the best-known impatiens variety. One I find really impressive is Super Elfin Sunrise. The flowers are large and red and appeared to have been brushed with a yellow/orange.

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THE TEACHER BECOMES THE STUDENT

82-year-old Bay St. Louis resident receives master's degree at Carey

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO
When Olive McKenna received her master's degree at William Carey College, television cameras captured the moment. For reporters, her graduation was news: she is 82 years old. For McKenna, it was the realization of a lifelong dream.

"It's something I wanted to do," she said. "It was one of my goals. When my daughter began working on her doctorate, I decided to go back to school myself. She told me 'Mom, go for it.'"

So she did. Friends had attended classes at Carey's Gulfport campus, so she drove over to talk about admission to the graduate program. She met with Dr. Gerald Hasselman, professor of education, who encouraged her to enter the program.

"Everyone had a positive attitude. They were very polite, very friendly, so I enrolled," she said. "When I finished the last class, I asked Dr. Hasselman 'do you have a specialist's program? That's what I'd like to do next."

McKenna doesn't lack for something to do. After graduation, she signed a contract for another year of teaching kindergarten at Waveland Elementary School. She has taught for 49 years: 20 years in the first grade; 29 in kindergarten. McKenna has never retired.

"I found out from teaching the first grade that kindergarten is where it all starts."

Everybody's trying to raise scores in testing, but the kids need a better hold on the skills required. If I can get them to love reading, then they are a step ahead," she explained. Her kindergartners are reading at the third level of first grade.

"I start them with the basic reader that has lots of pictures and some words, and we work up from there," she said. "They're always so impatient to get to the more difficult levels."

McKenna is one of four kindergarten teachers at the school, where they refer to her affectionately as "Miss Ollie." In addition to reading, she teaches her students addition and subtraction, computer skills, character building, French, and spelling. Her class



"Miss Ollie," as she is affectionately called at Waveland Elementary School, flips through one of her student's portfolios, which displays work completed during the year.

had their first spelling test commented. "They're so anxious to learn."

A native of Schenectady, N.Y., McKenna has been a resi-

dent of Bay St. Louis since 1963, when her husband was one of five managers who came to set up Stennis Space Center.

MCKENNA--PAGE 5B

'But it's not Thursday in Korea'

I bought a new watch while I was in Korea.

We were back in Pusan after a stormy winter cruise in the northern Sea of Japan. We would be there four days unloading our instruments before heading back to Mississippi.

It was Sunday and Chinese New Year and I had taken the day off to shop the street vendors that lined the sea front area of the city.

"15,000 wan," said the vendor.

"14,000," I countered.

"No, no, 15,000."

It was obvious that he wasn't going to budge. 15,000 wan was about \$13. The watch looked

good and at that price it seemed to be a good buy. I needed a watch. My old watch's crystal was scratched and I had been having difficulty reading the time.

The watch, the vendor was showing me, was battery operated, waterproof, and had a large digital display with three mysterious windows in the upper half of the dial. It had five buttons to work the various programs. I was especially impressed when I pressed the button for the night-light. It was extremely bright.

"What are the three windows for?" I asked. The vendor consulted with his companion and after a great bit of discussion, he wrote something down on a

piece of paper and handed it to me.

He had written, '15,000 wan.' I nodded and bought the watch, making sure the instructions were in the plastic box.

At the hotel the next morning, my roommate, Bob, looked up from his breakfast sweet roll, "I see you have a new watch."

I showed it to him. "Looks good," he said after examining it. "What are the three windows for?" I dug the instructions out from my wallet and looked at them. The print was very small and it appeared they were written in English, French and Korean. I had a hard time reading the tiny print and handed it to him.

"Paul," he said after looking

at the paper, "doesn't your watch have five buttons?"

"Yes," I said.

"Then they gave you instructions for the wrong watch. This diagram shows only four buttons. And I don't see anything about the three windows."

I took the instructions back and looked at the diagram. He was right; it showed only four buttons!

"Well, anyway," I said. "It was a good buy."

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Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
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"I'll figure it out."

He nodded and, as we both began to leave the hotel, he said. "By the way, don't keep looking at your watch when you are in bed tonight."

"Why not?"

"That night-light lights up the whole room," he replied. "Every time you checked the time, it woke me up."

When I got back to Mississippi, I sat down with Stella and asked her to read the

instructions aloud to me while I adjusted the time. I figure these kind of watches were probably generic and one instruction probably fitted all.

She puzzled over the instructions and then started reading them aloud, "To adjust time, depress 1 and hold 2 to fix time without changing day rate. Alternating 1 and 2. This will speed the adjustments for the multiple uses..."

"What?"
"That's what it says," she said

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What's for Lunch?

May 28-June 1

Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District
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BREAKFAST
Monday: Pancake and Sausage on a Stick, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice
Tuesday: Sausage and Biscuit, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice
Wednesday: Grits and Hashbrowns, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice
Thursday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice
Friday: Manager's Choice
LUNCH
Monday: Stromboli, Chicken Sandwich with Trimmings, Black-eyed Peas, Buttered Corn, Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Macaroni and Cheese
Tuesday: Southern Fried Chicken, Burrito with Chili, Broccoli and Rice Casserole, Buttered Carrots, Chilled Peach Slices, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Yeast Roll
Wednesday: Chicken Pot Pie, Hamburger with Trimmings, Peas and Carrots, French Fries, Fruit Cocktail, Pineapple Tidbits, Yeast Roll, Jell-O with Whipped Topping
Thursday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Chili Dog, Buttered Corn, Garden Salad with Dressing, Mandarin Fruit Cup

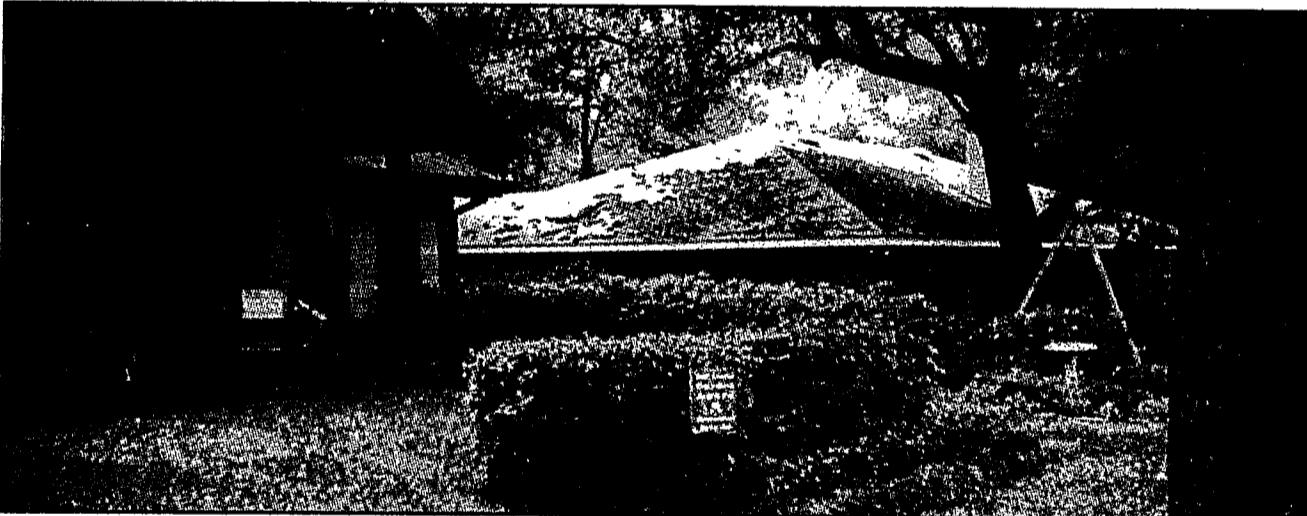
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Tuesday: Cheese Toast, Juice
Wednesday: Breakfast Pizza, Juice
Thursday: Sausage Biscuit, Juice
Friday: Flapstick, Juice
LUNCH
Monday: Lasagna, Foot-long Hot-dog, Parslied Potatoes, Green Peas, Raw Veggies, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice, Garlic Rolls, Pudding
Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets, Pizza, French Fries, Cheesy Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Garlic Bread, Crackers, Gelatin
Wednesday: Chicken Spaghetti, Turkey Club, Tater tots, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Fruit Crisp
Thursday: Fried Chicken Hamburger, Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, Southern Greens, Tossed Salad, Cinnamon Apples, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Crackers, Oatmeal-Raisin Cookie
Wednesday: Chicken Nuggets, Salisbury Steak, Creamed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Hot Rolls, Fruit Crisp
Thursday: Fried Chicken, Hamburger, Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, Southern Greens, Tossed Salad, Cinnamon Apples, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Pudding

All menus subject to change.

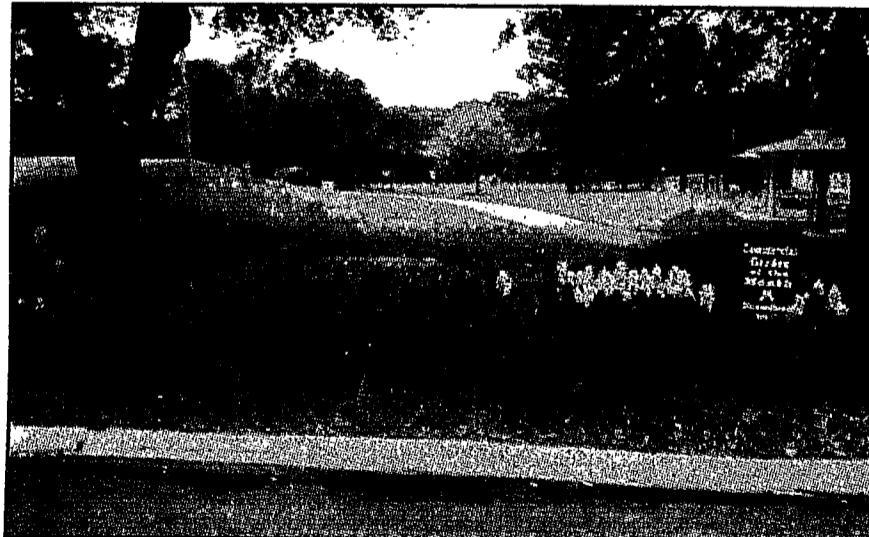
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Premature, low-birth weight babies - Studies have found that expectant mothers with periodontal disease are seven times more likely to deliver low-birth weight babies.

Heart disease - Recent studies have shown that a patient with periodontal disease is twice as likely to develop heart disease as one without periodontal disease.

Diabetes - Periodontal disease is one of the major complications of diabetes. Approximately 95% of Americans who suffer from diabetes also have periodontal disease.

Contagious - you bet! Periodontal disease can be passed on to love ones through kissing.

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Weddings



Cooksey-Yarborough exchange vows at OLG

Lisa Ann Yarborough and Steven Wayne Cooksey were united in marriage May 11, 2001 in a candlelight ceremony in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. The Rev. Louis Lohan performed the double ring Nuptial Mass.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary McKay Yarborough, Sr. of Bay St. Louis. Mr. Cooksey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cooksey of Waveland.

Music was provided by James Varnell, organist. Sunrise Sunset, Ave Maria, Our Father, Like A Seal On Your Heart, One Bread, One Body, and The Wedding Song were sung by Mr. John Mason.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a Mori Lee design. She carried a bouquet of irises, roses, lady stephanies, baby's breath and greenery.

Amy Coyne of Bay St. Louis, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Meadows, Sydney Chevis, and Erin Yarbrough, cousins of the bride, and Jeanne Bufkin of Bay St. Louis.

Christi Harkrider of Frisco,

Texas was a junior bridesmaid. Lauren Chevis, godchild of the bride, of Brandon, Ms. was flower girl.

Attending the groom as best man was his father, Michael Cooksey. Groomsmen were James Cooksey, of Carrollton, Texas, brother of the groom; Gary Yarborough, II, brother of the bride; Marty Poolson of Long Beach, and Marvin Krankey of Waveland.

Ushers were Joshua Coyne and Edward Scott Willson of Bay St. Louis, Jason Bernard of Hammond, La. and Marcus Cooksey of Jackson.

Ringbearer was Joseph Cooksey of Flower Mound, Texas. Readings were by Abbie Hearn of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., Beth Goellner of Hattiesburg, and Edward David Murtagh, aunts and uncle of the bride, respectively. Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Chevis, aunt and uncle of the bride, brought the offertory gifts.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center. The center was decorated with candelabras filled with arrangements of irises, gladioli, roses and greenery.

The six-tiered cake was decorated with arrangements of spring flowers between the tiers.

The groom's cake was a large bass fish.

Music was provided by Dr. Rock and the Interns.

Following a trip to Disney World the couple will reside in Waveland.

Brocato-Dussouy III to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Brocato Sr. of Bay St. Louis announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Angela M. Brocato, to John W. Dussouy III, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Dussouy Jr. of LaCombe, La.

The bride-elect is a graduate of St. Scholastica Academy in Covington, and she is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a bachelor of fine arts in dance education.

The prospective groom is a graduate of St. Paul School in Covington and graduated with a master's of science in sports administration from the University of Southern Mississippi College of Health and Human Science. He is employed with Wesley Medical Center in Hattiesburg.

The wedding will take place July 7 at 3 p.m. in Our Lady of

the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

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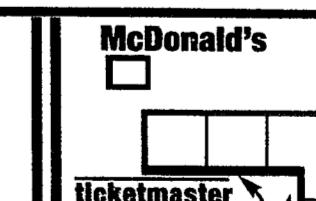


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Fricke-Archer to exchange vows June 2

Virginia Lahovitch of Pass Christian and Clyde and Lois Fricke of Bay St. Louis announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of Kimberly Fricke to Norman "Leslie" Archer Jr., son of Mary Morgan of Gulfport and Norman and Erma Archer of Kiln.

The marriage will take place June 2, 2001 at 5 p.m. in the Kiln Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Home 6285, VFW Road, Kiln.

Family and friends are invited to the wedding and the reception which follows.



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Thirty high school teachers chosen from applicants in five Southern states will attend The University of Mississippi's 28th annual Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference July 22-27 at no cost, thanks to fellowships being awarded this year.

Secondary school instructors in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee are eligible to apply for the Saks Incorporated Fellowships, created on behalf of McRae's, Proffitt's and Parisian department stores.

The grant awards cover the conference registration fee, as well as expenses for travel, lodging, meals, workshops and instructional materials.

The fellowships are intended to further at the high school level the study of William Faulkner, the Nobel and Pulitzer Prize-winning Mississippi author.

Teachers of all disciplines who already have taught or have an avid interest in teaching students about Faulkner may apply.

The application deadline has been extended to June 1.

The fellowships are designed to give high school teachers the opportunity to spend a week with Faulkner

and make use of his works in their teaching," said Dr. Donald Kartiganer, the conference director and UM's William Howry Professor of Faulkner Studies.

"The practical methods of teaching Faulkner in the classroom are becoming even more emphatic in this year's conference."

Since its creation in 1974, the Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference has drawn scholars from throughout the United States and the world to Oxford where the author lived and wrote his classic works. This year's conference, "Faulkner and War," explores the role that war played in Faulkner's life and works.

In addition to featuring lecturers by nine Faulkner scholars, the week-long gathering offers teachers five special workshops and two "Teaching Faulkner" sessions, from which they may earn 3.9 continuing education units from the university. Saks Fellows also may earn graduate credit through special arrangement with the UM Department of English.

For more information on graduate credit contact Dr. Joseph Urbo, chair of the UM Department of English, at (662) 915-5439 or jurgo@olemiss.edu.

Other conference activities include a performance of the play, *Faulkner's Bicycle*, by The Rivendell Theatre Ensemble of Chicago; panel discussions by Faulkner's friends and family; exhibits; guided tours of North Mississippi; and various social events, including an informal meeting at Rowan Oak, Faulkner's Oxford home.

Interested Saks Incorporated Fellowship applicants may get general conference information: www.olemiss.edu/depts/south/faulkner/index.htm.

Requests for Saks application forms should be submitted to: Faulkner Conference-Saks Incorporated Fellowships, The University of Mississippi, P.O. Box 879, University, MS 38677-0879; or contact Mary Ann Crocker at the UM Institute for Continuing Studies at (662) 915-1267 or mac@ics.olemiss.edu.

From left, Stephanie Malcolm, Magan McClellan, Kaylyn Hall, Samantha Bradford, Morgan Hansell, Newman Forestier, April Belle, Helen Burnett, Sabrina Bradford, Annie Legarde, Cody Roth, Anna Sharp, Emily Rasbury, Nathanael Legarde, Philip Legarde, Sharon Leslie and Karli Renz.

Art students on display in library

During the month of April, art students from Karen Anne's School of Fine Arts displayed their art work at the Hancock

County Public Library in Bay St. Louis.

To help promote National Libraries Week, the students portrayed in color two different book characters meeting each other.

Also displayed were sculptures of papier maché that were unique and attractive. The exhibit represented various mediums such as charcoal, pen and ink, watercolor, oil and chalk pastels, and scrafitto.

A reception was held the last night of the exhibit where stu-

dents and their family and friends enjoyed refreshments and were presented with ribbons and certificates.

Youth classes run from September to April, adult classes from July to November, and Summer Arts and Crafts Camp begins June.

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Dr. Stock has served the Hattiesburg-Laurel-Tylertown area for over 6 years before moving to the Gulf coast. He provided leadership and patient care serving as the Medical Director of Tylertown's geriatric program, and Medical Director of an outpatient Partial Day Program.

Dr. Stock is a 1993 graduate of the University of South Dakota, where he obtained his general psychiatry education. He completed his medical degree at Creighton School of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska, with residency work conducted in general psychiatry at both the University of Nebraska/Creighton. He also studied general surgery at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Omaha.

During his studies, Dr. Stock was the recipient of the James Peter Grant, the Creighton Surgical Research Scholarship, the Creighton Medical School Research Scholarship and the Leadership Award. Dr. Stock has extensive experience during his formal training in various psychiatric evaluations, physical evaluations, and performing compensation and pension exams, along with other mental status exams. In 1993, Dr. Stock completed a study at the University of South Dakota on the "interchange of fluoxetine and sertraline in the clinical setting."

Dr. Stock also provides services relating to Forensic Psychiatry: court ordered psychiatric evaluations and mental competency evaluations, second opinions, and insurance evaluations or reviews.

Dr. Stock can be reached at his offices at Gulf Coast Psychotherapy, (228) 832-2400, or (FAX) (228) 832-2431. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm. Answering service for after hours is available.

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Views -- Thursday in Korea

looking up from the paper. "I think you wasted \$15."

"It was 15,000 won not \$15. Let me see that." It was as she had read it to me. I glanced at the French and turned it over and looked at the Korean hieroglyphics.

"That's Korean," she said. I glared at her and she picked up her book and ignored me.

When I was alone the next morning, I started to experiment with the buttons. Since the time I had bought the watch, I had noticed movement in two of the three windows.

The first appeared to indicate the day of the week by a dot on a circle. This now indicated that in Korea, it was a day later. The second showed a small moon at the quarter stage. When I had been in Korea, it had been a new moon and the window, correctly, had been blank. The third window

was still empty.

Finally, after much experimenting, I did get it changed to local Mississippi time. I should have been happy, only now I noticed that a large bell had appeared in the third window.

Sure enough at three that afternoon, the alarm went off. I managed to stop it, but noticed I had put the watch in the twenty-four-hour mode. It now read 1500 hrs. I worked on both problems and managed to get back to a twelve-hour mode. The bell in the third window was now smaller. What did that mean?

On the half hour, I found out when the watch gave an annoying chirp. It was now programmed to go off every half hour day and night.

I wrestled with the buttons some more and managed to get the bell to disappear and the time to stay in the twelve-hour

mode. In doing all this, I discovered the watch's date indicator. It and the weekday window showed Korean date and week-day.

I decided that rather than running the risk of activating the bells again - I wasn't sure how I had deactivated them - I would just subtract a day when I used the window or referenced the date. This seemed the easiest approach. That night, I told Stella what I had done, but not saying anything about the date problem. She nodded noncommittally. Later when I took Jennie outside, I stood on the porch and looked up at the moon. I called Stella outside and pointed to the moon.

"See what stage it's in?" I said proudly. "Now, look at my watch." With that I pushed the night-light and she looked at the tiny quarter moon in the middle window. Then she

looked up again at the bright moon over us.

"But the moon is almost at the half." She said. "Maybe it just a quarter moon now in Korea."

"It's not quite half. It probably changes when it is exactly at the half moon phase."

She gave me the same nod that Bob had given me. I was glad I had not told her about the dates. She turned and called Jennie who was watching us from the lawn.

"Let's go back in, it's cold. And, please, stop pressing that night-light. It's so bright, it's scaring Jennie."

I'm keeping the watch. It's a good watch. I don't care if it's not Thursday in Korea.

(When I wrote this in March I had forgotten that in another month we would have to change our clocks for daylight saving time.)

Garden -- thriving in the shade

color.

Try combining impatiens with a matching color of caladium for a real attractive display. For example, plant red impatiens with White Queen caladiums, which have a red leaf margin.

Another trooper in Mississippi's summer shade is the wax begonia. While some bronzed-leaf varieties can take the sun, the green-leaved and variegated varieties need shade protection.

Begonias grow 8 to 14 inches tall and wide and are well suited to low borders, massed plantings, hanging baskets, and containers on the deck or patio. Shear or pinch tall, lanky plants to encourage basal growth.

The Varsity series of begonias have become popular for their early bloom and their ability to take rugged weather. Varsity pink and bright scarlet

are available on green-leaved or bronze-leaved plants.

Foliage plants such as the coleus also offer a lot of choices in colors and variegation, and perform well until the first frost. Some are compact and others reach nearly 3 feet in height.

Coleus are great in patio containers, but you will be rewarded by mass planting them in a bed.

Avoid high nitrogen fertilizers that can cause excessive greening since it's the riotous colors we seek. Achieve striking displays by planting coleus such as the lime-green lemon twist with fuchsia-colored impatiens. It is a gorgeous combination.

The hostas, or plantation lily, is another shade-loving plant that offers a lot of choices in varieties. You can choose from those that are rather small to those that will reach 30 inches

in height.

Plant hostas from nursery transplants into a well-drained, highly organic soil.

Hostas with their deep green to blue-green foliage and variegation are very attractive in contrast with fresh, reddish-brown pine bark mulch or nuggets. Variegated varieties really lighten up the shade garden.

Most hostas produce a white or violet flowering stalk in late spring or early summer, many of which are enticingly fragrant.

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grant. As summer approaches and we start seeking the shade for outdoor relaxation, it only makes sense that we add flowers to make these areas of the landscape some of the most beautiful.

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The types of degrees awarded include associate of arts, associate of applied science and vocational certification.

Among the graduates was

on the syllabus and tried to do my reading in advance. My new computer helped with the work so much."

But McKenna says that education is an endless pursuit, and she advises anyone with an interest in furthering their education to just do it.

"There is no set time for anyone to go to school," she said. "Don't think you can't pursue it. It's how badly you want to do this."

She paused, considered the colorful pictures strung around her classroom, and smiled.

"Life has been very good to me," she said. "I have kept myself busy."

McKenna

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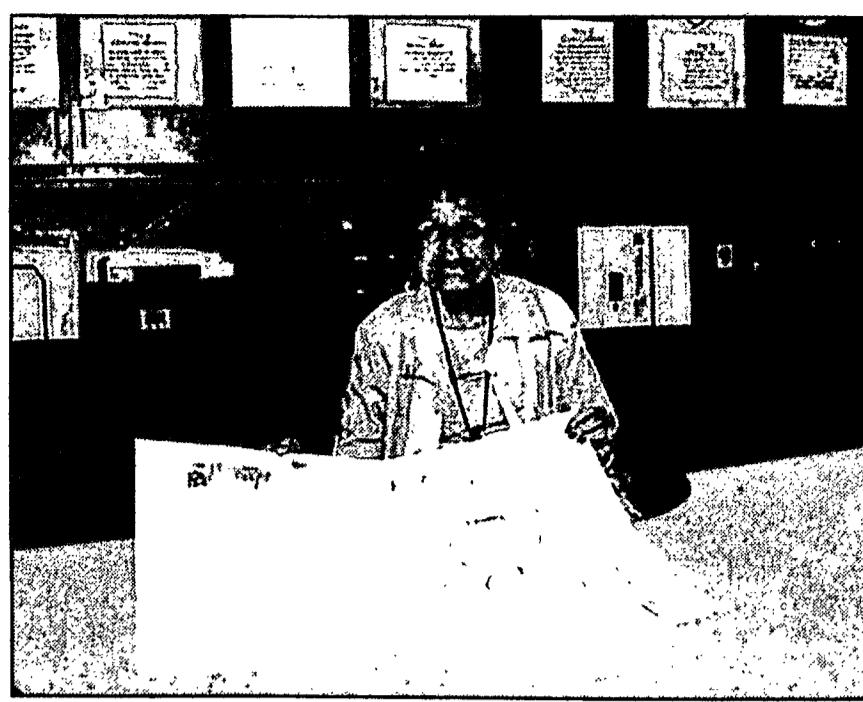


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Olive McKenna shows off a card her students prepared to congratulate her on her recent graduation. McKenna received her master of arts degree from William Carey College in Gulfport.

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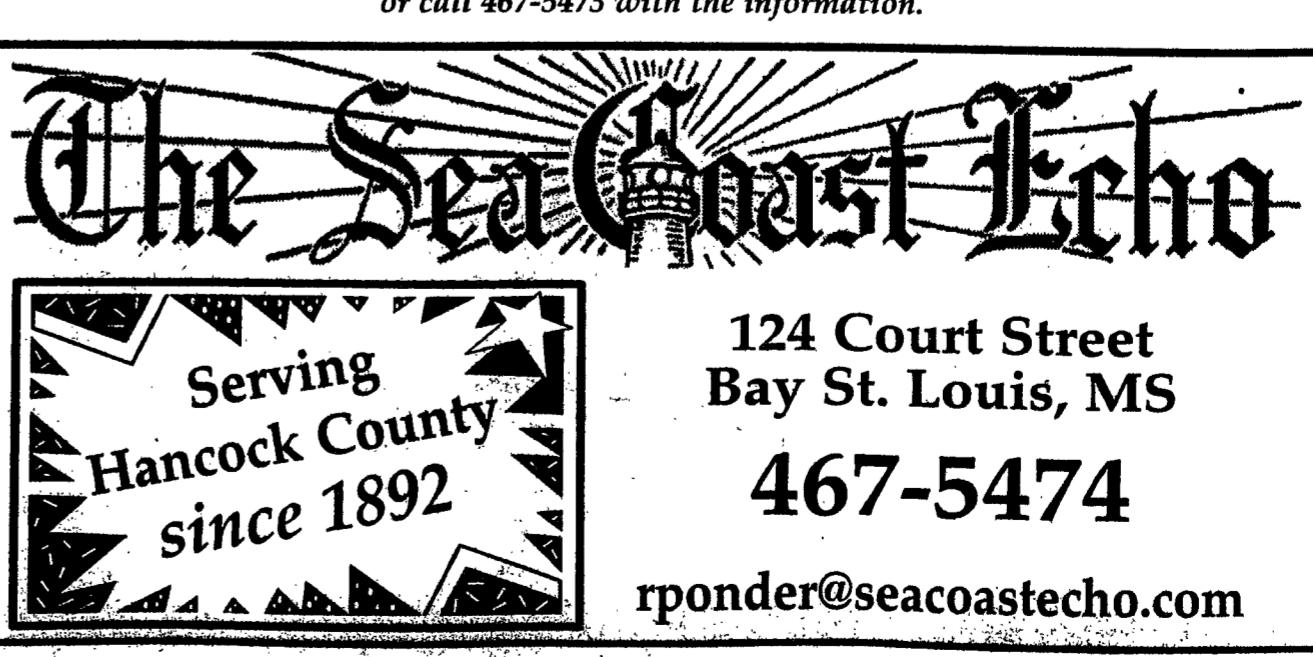
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REFLECTIONS
ON LIFEBy Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVDOne and done:
XFL becomes ex-league

The same newspaper bannered this headline seemed overeager to shout the death of the XFL, but had never printed a single word about anything pertaining to games or progress reports on the XFL. As virtually every other newspaper, the editor appeared intent only on heralding a death and funeral.

Don't you find that strange for a newspaper which reports on bush-league and no-league softball, volleyball and sundry? Though it was hardly a conspiracy on the part of the papers, it was definitely a tunnel-vision coincidence of thinking and attitudes spearheaded by radio and TV sportscasters. Massive passive resistance was interlarded with numerous potshots and occasional broadsides from sportswriters and sportscasters.

All this added ugly weight to a toddler league already loaded down with its own dearth of quality athletes and with its skewed packaging of sex and glitz.

So the XFL did not sport an NFL level and intensity of football, and perhaps not even a product comparable to the NFL of yesterday.

But, even if the doomsayers who proclaimed the XFL illegitimate football were accurate, that merely put it in a category with wildly popular and successful "wrestling".

Now what was really going on here? Random callers on radio sports talk shows typified a self-proclaimed knowledgeable sports following which proved its discriminating taste by negative comparisons between the XFL and NFL. Many were obviously parroting sportscasters and writers.

There was blood in the water, and sports sharks were answering the call, killing any signs of XFL life which might have escaped the inherent weaknesses and self-inflicted wounds of the founders league.

In short, in order to strut their stuff before the public, many media people and self-styled savvy fans proudly paraded their fancied football expertise at the fatal expense of the XFL. One has to wonder how satisfied they are with the death watch, demise, wake and burial of a sports/business enterprise.

We are not here to praise the XFL but to bury it. However, this interment leaves us with a life-long lesson which we would do well to heed. What happened here in this whole fiasco was quite typical of our human nature, since we have a constant, disgusting impulse to meddle and control.

Peace on Earth

Cultural and religious politics often confuse an already clouded picture, as in the case of the Jewish Sanhedrin which confronted the apostles who were preaching the crucified, risen Jesus. Tempers rose to fever pitch until some members of the Sanhedrin demanded that the apostles be put to death.

In response to them, Gamaliel the Pharisee leaves us with the all-time classic answer to our penchant for "inteffeting" with the activities of people around us. Even in weightier matters of principle, where we might believe we have a mandate to correct things as we see them, Gamaliel warns:

"Fellow Israelites, be careful what you are about to do to these men... have nothing to do with these men, and let them go. For if this endeavor or this activity is of human origin, it will destroy itself. But if it comes from God you will not be able to destroy them; you may even find yourselves fighting against God" (Acts 5:35, 38-39).

Gamaliel's logic is most compelling for all matters religious. Clearly, our most serious mistakes in the spiritual realm occur when we push our own agenda instead of allowing God's agenda to work itself out.

Simply not meddling or controlling brings us great peace of mind and soul.

Moreover, Gamaliel's words reach far beyond church pews to each family, schools, each profession and work scene, politics, the NFL, XFL, sports critics professional and not. Why discourage or sabotage people who are trying to better themselves? Let their projects live or die on their own merits.

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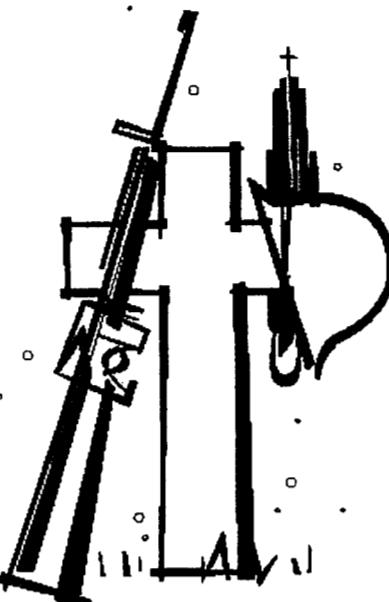
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God warns ancient Israel about this before they conquer their enemies. "Do not say in your heart when the Lord your God has driven them out before you, 'Because of my righteousness the Lord has brought me in to possess this land'" (Deuteronomy 9:4).

The New Testament uses this idea concerning faith in Christ. "The righteousness based on faith

speaks as follows: 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down), or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)"' (Romans 10:6-7).

Watch out for pride and self-sufficiency. Your own good deeds and righteousness do not make you worthy of heaven. Do not bring Christ down. Say in your heart, "I trust the good life of Jesus Christ as the only life worthy enough to get me to heaven." Do not bring Christ up from the dead.

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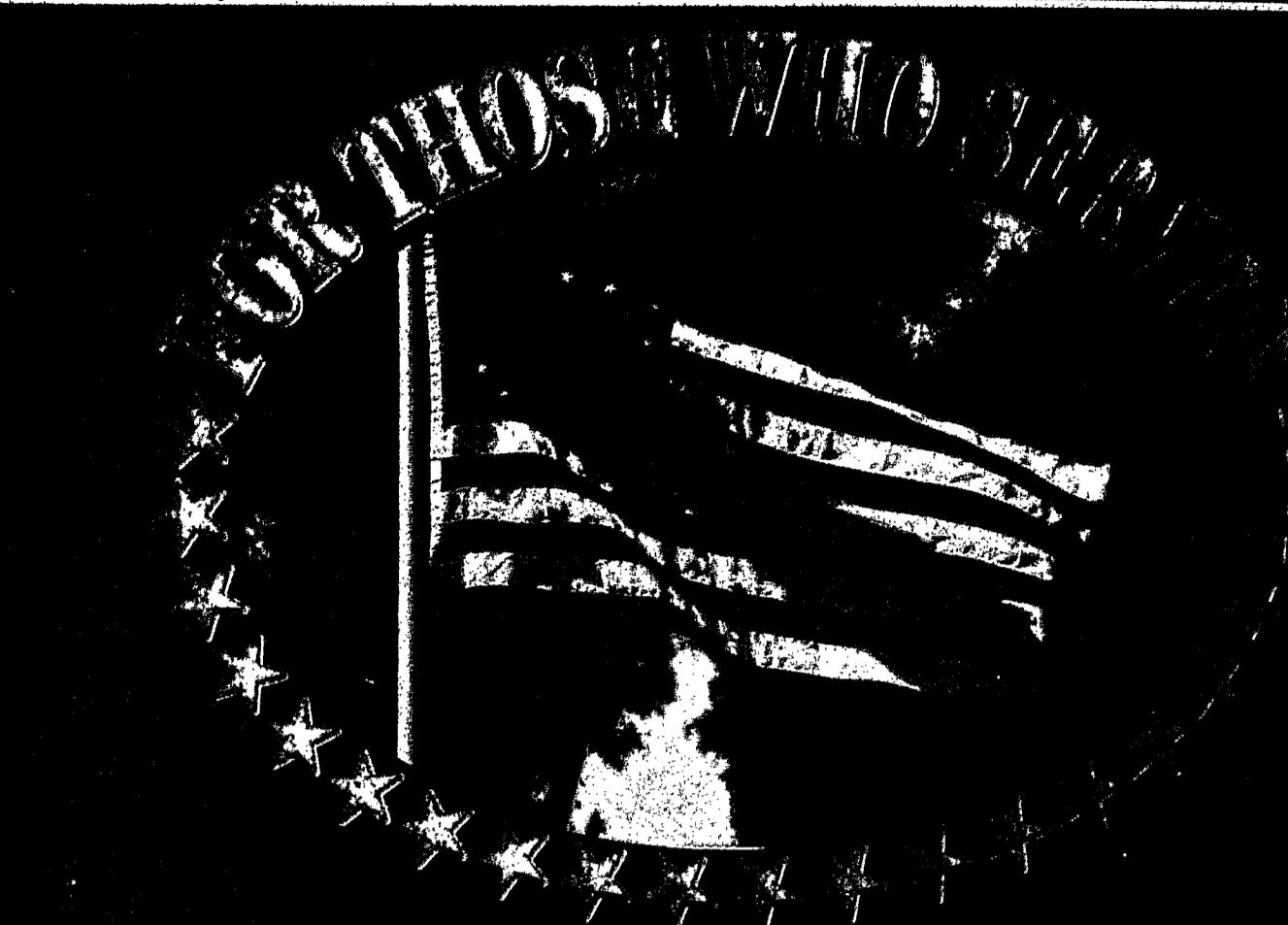
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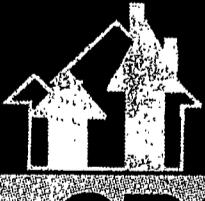
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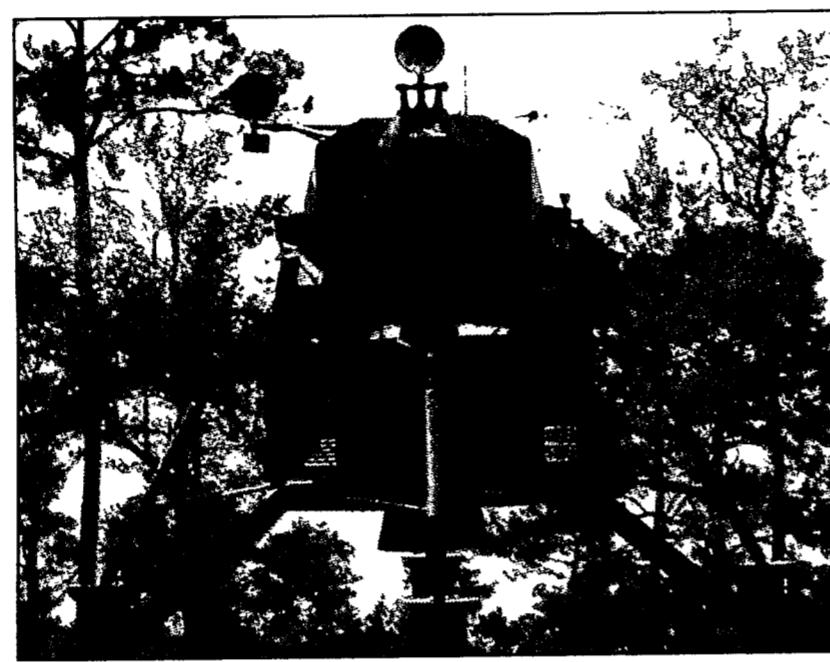
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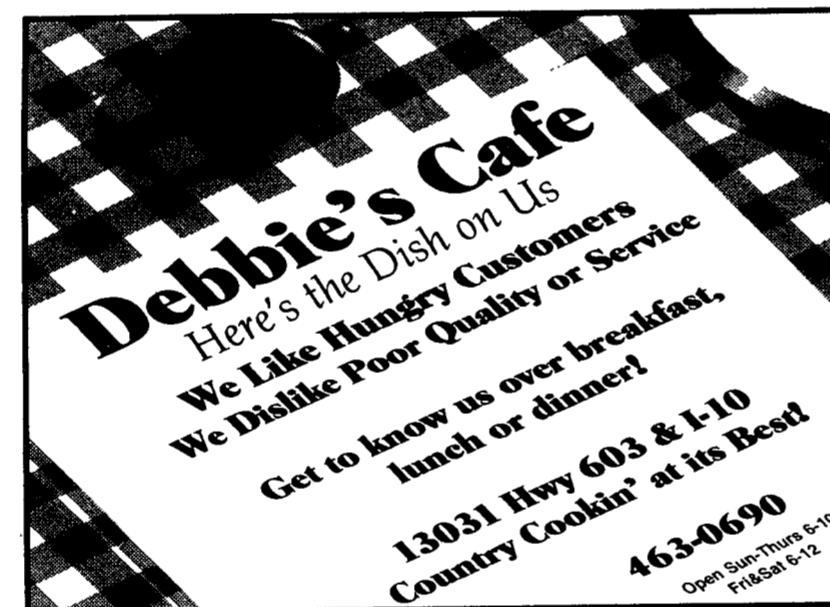
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Tourism is quickly becoming one of Hancock County's major industries. The Hancock County Welcome Center at I-10 has recorded more than 250,000 tourists since the new StenniSphere attraction opened at John C. Stennis Space Center a year ago this weekend. Above, an actual lunar lander, placed at the Welcome Center by NASA officials.



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StenniSphere, the state's 'top tourist attraction'

Draws 250,000 in first year alone

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

StenniSphere, the visitor center at John C. Stennis Space Center, was recently named the state's top tourist attraction and - as of last week - has entertained and educated more than 250,000 visitors within its first year of operation. Ruth Roper of Independence, La., became StenniSphere's 250,000th visitor Tuesday.

The visitor center officially reopened as StenniSphere on May 25, 2000, and has witnessed record crowds since its Memorial Day 2000 opening. More than a quarter of a million visitors representing all 50 states and more than 40 foreign countries have toured the 14,000 square feet of interactive exhibits and displays at StenniSphere.

More than 59,996 school students from pre-kindergarten to college are included in this figure.

Overall, StenniSphere has more than doubled its visitor count in its first year of operation.

"Much of the increase in visitors can be attributed to StenniSphere tours originating from the Launch Pad tour stop at the popular Hancock County Welcome Center on Interstate 10," said NASA's Myron Webb, Public Affairs Officer at Stennis Space Center.

"We at NASA couldn't be more pleased with our partnership with the Mississippi Development Authority's Division of Tourism Development and the Mississippi Transportation Commission. This win-win arrangement gives Stennis Space Center more visibility and also contributes to a more high tech image of the state."

More visitors from Louisiana, a total of 66,934, have toured StenniSphere this year than from any other state.

Nearly 52,000 visitors from Mississippi have toured StenniSphere since its opening last Memorial Day weekend.

Because of the enhanced visitor experience and its suc-

cess in attracting visitors, StenniSphere was named Mississippi's Travel Attraction of the Year by the Mississippi Tourism Association in February 2001.

StenniSphere offers more than 50 indoor and outdoor exhibits sponsored by NASA, the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, and other resident agencies at the center.

Live presentations take place throughout the museum and auditorium. Some exciting interactive attractions include exhibits that allow visitors to test fire a Space Shuttle Main Engine, land the Space Shuttle, go aboard the International Space Station or explore Mars.

On display at the Launch Pad tour stop at the Hancock County Welcome Center, and serving as a tribute to Stennis' role in getting America to the Moon, is a 30-foot tall replica of a Lunar Lander that was used as a trainer by Apollo astronauts.

At the base of the exhibit are the boot prints and signature of Apollo 13 astronaut Fred Haise, a native of the area.

Upon boarding tour vehicles, visitors take a 25-minute narrated tour through Stennis Space Center's unique 125,000-acre acoustical buffer zone to America's largest rocket propulsion test complex, where Apollo-era Saturn V engines were tested in the 1960s. The Space Shuttle's powerful main engines are tested there today as well as the next generation rocket engines for future vehicles.

The RockeTeria, a space-themed, 1960s-style restaurant, offers a full menu from burgers to po-boys to soft drinks and soda fountain treats.

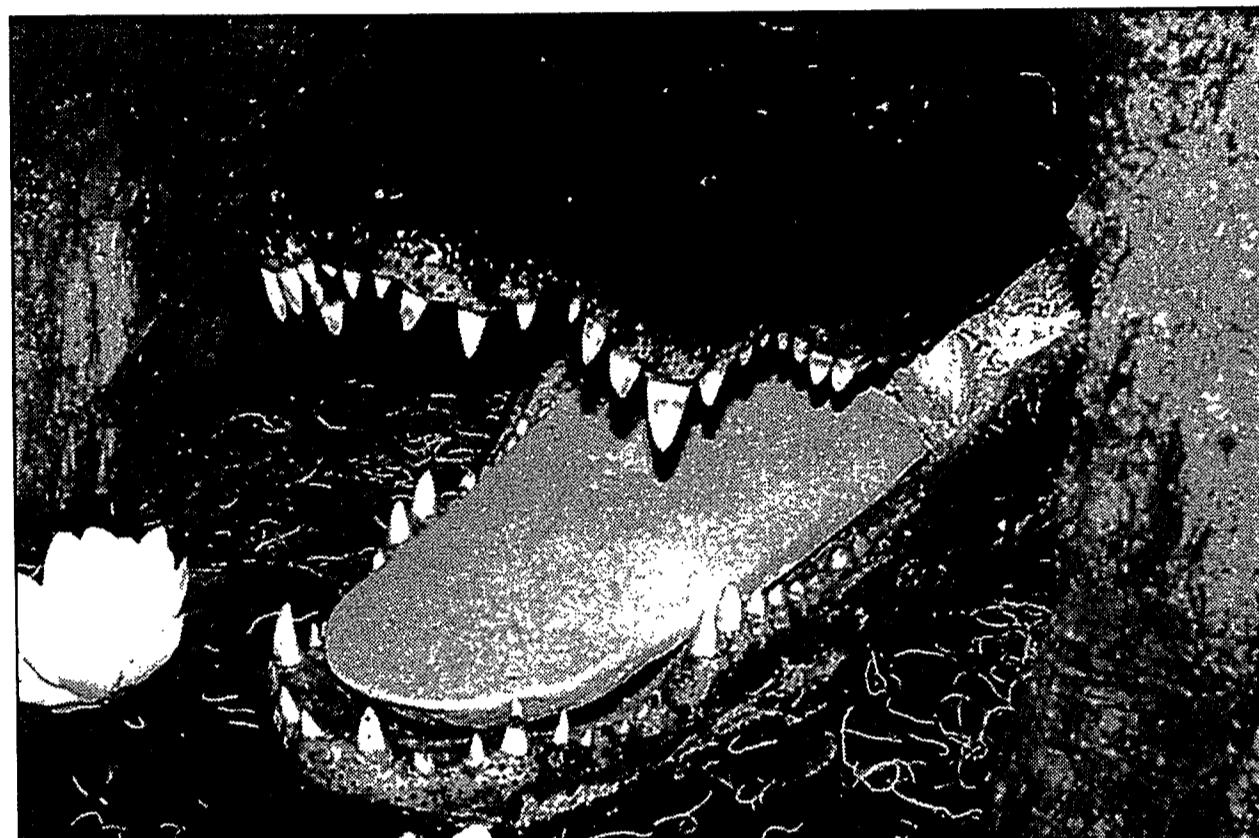
The Space Odyssey Gift Shop provides visitors with an opportunity to take home the "Right Stuff" as souvenirs or gifts.

Admission to StenniSphere is free. The visitor center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Tours depart on a regular schedule each day -- every 15 to 20 minutes -- from the Launch Pad tour stop at the Mississippi I-10 Welcome Center.

For more information or to make reservations for groups, call StenniSphere at (228) 688-2370 or 1-800-237-1821 (Option 1) in Mississippi and Louisiana, or access the StenniSphere home page on the World Wide Web at www.ssc.nasa.gov/public/visitors.



Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas
Ruth Roper of Independence, La., was the John C. Stennis Space Center's 250,000th visitor last week. Roper's five-year-old grandson William Caldwell poses with her in front of a NASA Mission poster in the Visitors Center. Roper said this was her grandson's third visit to the StenniSphere, and he was the reason she came.



Our history has always been important in Hancock County. That's why it's even a part of our future: The Swamp to Space Exhibit at Stennisphere, a tribute to the families who relocated to make way for construction of Stennis Space Center, along with a history of the center and information on the local environment and how it is being preserved.

The future is now at Stennis

ECHO STAFF REPORT

The future is now and it is at John C. Stennis Space Center.

Stennis Space Center, described by its tenants as a "unique federal city," is responsible for NASA's rocket propulsion testing and for partnering with industry to develop and implement remote sensing technology.

Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command activities at Stennis rank among the top 10 worldwide in supercomputing capability and employ more oceanographers than any other location in the world.

The center had a local economic impact of \$438 million last year and a direct global impact of \$615 million.

Partners for Stennis Chairman Roy Keller announced the latest economic indicators in a news conference at the space center in February.

NASA gathers its yearly impact data and compiles it with economic information from the more than 30 other resident agencies and seven major contractors based at Stennis.

NASA led spending in the local economy impact area, reporting \$186 million or 42 percent of the \$438 million spent locally. The U.S. Navy's impact was \$137 million or 39 percent. Other agencies spent \$47 million.

Construction of facilities accounted for \$18 million or four percent of spending. The U.S. Department of Commerce spent \$11 million or three percent, and the U.S. Army, \$3 million.

The report for Fiscal Year 2000, which ended Sept. 30,

said the center employed a total 4,558 last year and gave this distribution of these resi-

dencies: 1,277 lived in Pearl River County; 966 lived in St. Tammany Parish; 966 in Hancock County; 890 in Harrison County; 235 lived elsewhere in Louisiana; 168 lived elsewhere in Mississippi; and 56 lived in states other than Mississippi or Louisiana.

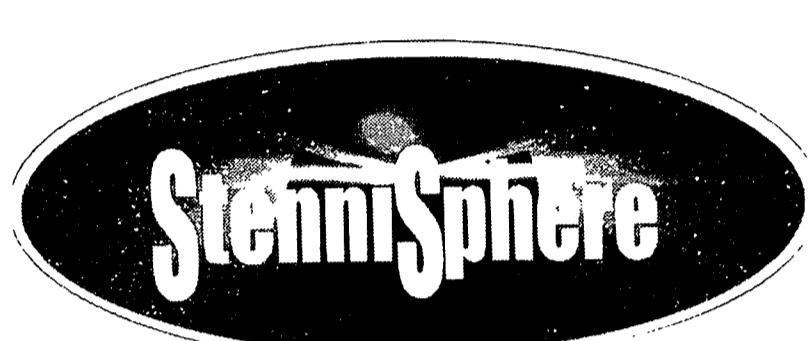
Of the 4,558 employees at Stennis, 37 percent were involved in scientific and engineering fields; 29 percent were technicians or were involved in craft or production trades; 18 percent worked as business professionals; 10 percent held clerical positions and six percent were employed in other areas.

Among the civil service and military employees, six percent held doctorate degrees; 18 percent held a master's degree; 34 percent held a bachelor's degree; and nine percent held an associate's degree.

The annual report estimated that area employment would have been reduced by 24,121 jobs if Stennis had not

been in operation during the last fiscal year, and personal income would have been reduced more than \$807 million. In addition, retail sales would have been reduced by more than \$323 million. Estimates are Stennis has a tax revenue impact of \$87 million on local government revenues.

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Get back to nature in Hancock County's back yard

County boasts two major parks, along with golf, fishing, hunting, boating

ECHO STAFF REPORT

Hancock County is the home of two public parks, Buccaneer State Park and McLeod Park, which are open year-round. Buccaneer, located two miles off Highway 90 on Beach Boulevard in Waveland, features a seasonal wave pool, water slide, wading pool, game room, tennis courts, basketball courts, play areas, nature trail, outdoor amphitheater, seasonal camps and great Gulf fishing.

Colorful legends of smuggling and piracy along the Gulf Coast by Jean Lafitte and his followers led to

the park's naming.

The French buccaneer was said to have even inhabited the old Pirate house, once located in Waveland.

The park site, also known as Jackson's Ridge, was used as a base of military operations by Andrew Jackson during the Battle of New Orleans.

Jackson later returned to the area and built a house on land that is now part of Buccaneer park.

In addition to primitive campsites, the park has available 500 hook-ups for water and electricity, of which 149 also have sewer and cement parking slabs.

Activities include two tennis courts, a basketball court, a shuffleboard diagram and a game room containing video games, pinball machines, pool tables and a tennis table.



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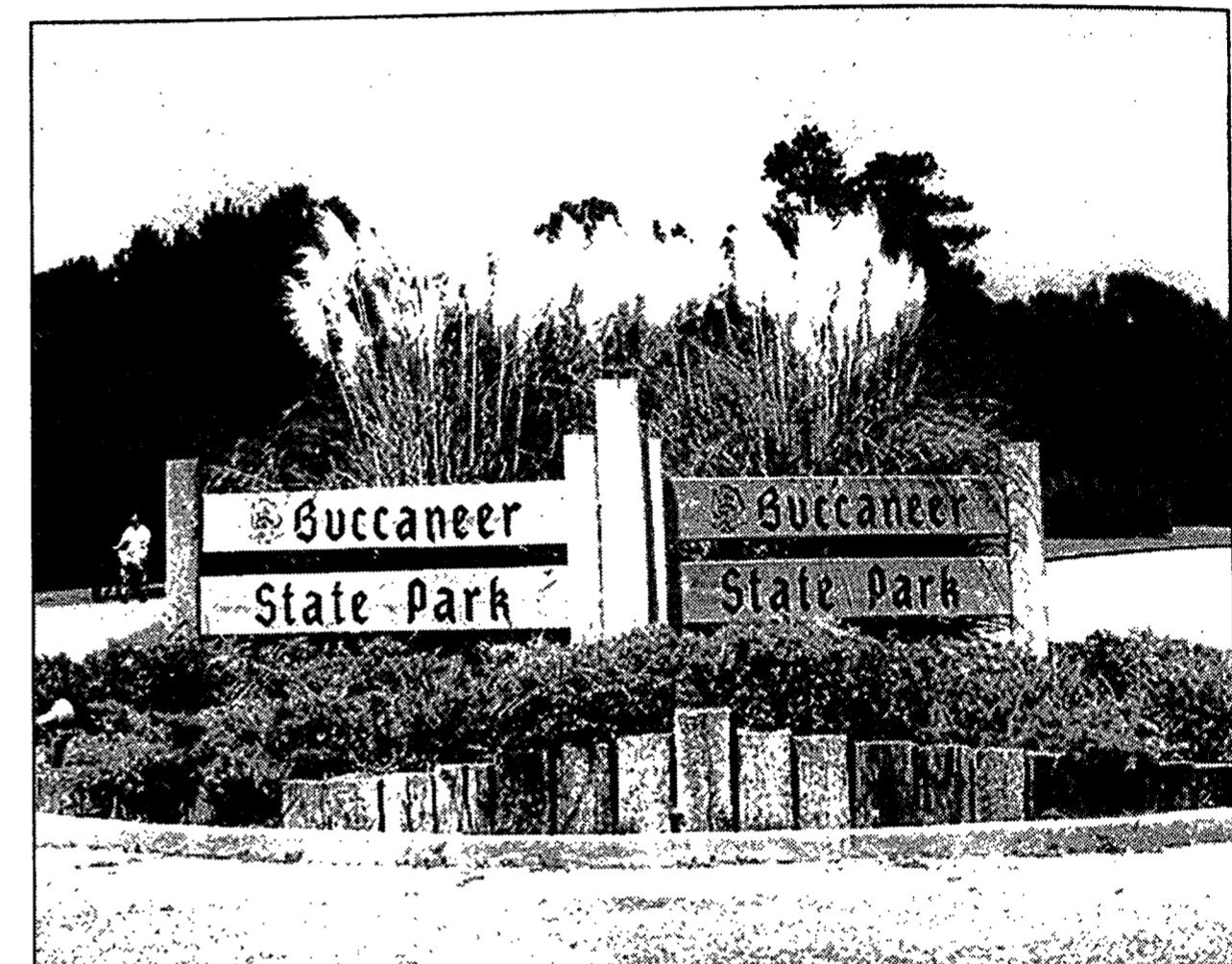
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Not only does Hancock County's Buccaneer State Park offer the finest camping, nature and recreational facilities, it offers a little bit of history — people still look for the treasure legends say that pirates left in the area.

A wading pool, up to four-feet deep and separate from the water park, is located near the activity building within the camping complex.

Throughout the camping area are bathhouses, picnic tables and grills. There is a laundry facility and dumping station.

A camp store and souvenir shop are open during the summer months. A non-denominational worship service is conducted every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. from Easter to Labor Day.

Two picnic pavilions are available for use and several picnic tables and grills are located throughout the park. Another area, located under a canopy of trees and across from the beach, is available for day visitors and offers picnic tables, grills and playground equipment.

Buccaneer's water park complex contains a wade pool with cascading water, a wave pool and double-flumed water slide.

The wave pool is surrounded by multi-level decking ideal for sunbathing, an observation deck, showers, rafts and a fast-food service.

McLeod Park, spread among 328 acres of rolling woodlands and divided by the Jourdan River, offers a serene retreat for locals and visitors.

The park's entrance is located north of I-10, off Highway 603, south of the Jourdan River and west along Texas Flat Road.

The park was named in honor of Albert J. and Virginia "Aunt Gin" McLeod. Albert McLeod was a pioneer timberman from South Carolina who settled on the Jourdan River location in the early 1900s.

Here he established a large sawmill, stave mill, planer mill, turpentine plant and general mercantile store, employing about 500 people.

Following his death in 1931, operation of the old store was continued on a limited basis by Aunt Gin until her death in 1973 at the age of 95.

Albert McLeod also was a member of the county board of supervisors and a member of the original commission appointed to build the Hancock County seawall.

The property itself is within the National Aeronautics and Space Administration buffer zone surrounding John C. Stennis Space Center.

The Pearl River Basin Development District accepted the park's deed with the obligation to condition development of park facilities. McLeod offers 70 camping sites. Forty-one of those sites have water and electrical hook ups. There are no sewer hook-up facilities.

The park has two pavilion areas with picnic tables and grills, a baseball field and boat launch. Canoes and paddle boats are available for daily rental.

Fun and relaxation are major considerations for the people of Hancock County. The temperate climate encourages a full calendar of events and festivities for everyone.

Easy access to New Orleans and Louisiana's rich resources and to Mobile and Alabama's coastal menu of events provides Hancock County with the best of all possible opportunities for a full social, artistic and cultural calendar.

The entire area is steeped in history. Bay St. Louis is the oldest established community on the Gulf Coast — and is even older than New Orleans. Waveland has been long recognized as a summer retreat and resort for visitors from New Orleans, Natchez and Mobile. Walking and driving tours of the many historic districts are for the taking.

Those interested in outdoor activities can choose from 16 beautiful golf courses within 50 miles or several public tennis courts, exercise trails and private health clubs that offer "per visit" options.

Of course the nearly eight miles of breathtaking white sand beaches and numerous public fishing piers and sea walls provide fishing and crabbing fun for the family.

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A Trip Through Mississippi's Coastal History



The United States has often been called a melting pot of nations. While there are some areas of the country where that does not hold true, it is an apt description of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Biloxi alone has seen eight different flags fly on its horizon: French, English, Spanish, West Florida Republic, United States, Mississippi Magnolia, Confederate States and Mississippi State. The rest of the coast has an equally rich ethnic history. From the original Native Americans, who were members of many tribes, to the European, African, Asian and other settlers who forever changed the face of the coast, the blood of many nations runs in the veins of Mississippi's three southernmost counties.

Biloxi

One of the oldest cities in the United States, Biloxi was established as the first French settlement in the Mississippi Valley in early 1699. Pierre le Moyne d'Iberville and his brother, Jean Baptiste le Moyne Bienville, came ashore that year to claim the coast for King Louis XIV of France. Finding the waters too shallow for their boats, the men left, with d'Iberville moving his vessels to what is now Ocean Springs and Bienville going west to the area he named in honor of King Louis IX, the town still known as Bay St. Louis.

In addition to being the first French settlement in the Valley, Biloxi was the first permanent white settlement in the area, and the first capital of the Louisiana Territory. Biloxi was also the site of the first two French forts in the area, Fort Maurepas (in what is now Ocean Springs) and Fort Louis, which was located in the area between the current sites of the Biloxi Lighthouse and the Old French Cemetery. Biloxi remained the capital of the Louisiana Territory until late 1722, when the capital moved to New Orleans.

Biloxi is a namesake of the Biloxi tribe (of the Sioux family)

that inhabited the area when d'Iberville landed in 1699. The Biloxi tribe met d'Iberville when he landed, and later sealed a pact of friendship with the French people through the passing of the Calumet (peace pipe) and a bottle of French brandy.

"Biloxi" means "first people", which makes it an appropriate name for both the Indian village and the French settlement which followed. Biloxi is the only city in the U.S. and perhaps the world, which bears this name.

Biloxi contains several historic landmarks that attest to the military influence in its history. Keesler Air Force Base, which isn't technically a landmark, is still a vital part of Biloxi's history. The base was established in the early part of World War II, and continues in operation today as the largest electronics training center in the world.

Even the space program's history includes a Biloxi note: Apollo 13 astronaut Fred Haise was born there.

The Mississippi Sound's waters and resources have played a large part in shaping the city. Mullet, a plentiful food fish, were dubbed "Biloxi Bacon" during the Civil War when they saved the city's people from starvation during a Union blockade. Shrimp and oysters play a large commercial role in the area's economy, since Biloxi is one of the world's largest canners of them.

In addition, Biloxi shares part of the world's longest manmade beach, 28 miles long.

Ocean Springs

Ocean Springs was the original site of Biloxi, then was renamed around 1720 when Biloxi was moved across the bay of the same name to its present location. The original settlement then became known as Old Biloxi.

Long before d'Iberville landed, though, the Indians of the area had another name for Ocean Springs. Translated into English, the Indian name was "Holy Ground", because of the mineral springs which the Indians believed had healing pow-

ers. Ocean Springs was a small Indian trading post until it became a part of the United States in the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. The first permanent settlers began moving in, and the settlement was renamed Lynchburg in 1853 in honor of a merchant operating a trading post on Fort Bayou.

The merchant, George Lynch, was working with Rev. P.P. Bowen, a Baptist minister, at a sawmill at the Fort Bayou bridge. Bowen noticed a small stream running from the ground, and found out that it was a spring, after doing a little digging. When the water was analyzed later, it was found to contain high amounts of iron and other minerals. Bowen built marble baths over the springs with separate facilities for women and men, and an influx of people began.

It is said that Dr. George Austin, planning to take advantage of the springs by establishing a sanitarium, coined the name Ocean Springs. The name stuck, and was adopted in 1854. The town quickly became a health resort, and a regular stop of the Morgan steamboat line between New Orleans and Mobile.

At one time, Ocean Springs was known for both its pecan and citrus industries. Now, the city boasts a number of historical claims, including being the site of Fort Maurepas and the residence of artist Walter Ingles Anderson. The city also has a number of old churches and homes, many unusual shops, three campgrounds, including Gulf Islands National Seashore, and four golf courses.

Moss Point

Once called Mossey Point by loggers on the Pascagoula River and East Pascagoula by others, the town was designated Moss Point in 1867 when a post office was built there. In the late 1800s, Moss Point was the largest pine lumber export center in the nation. Even after that distinction was taken over by Gulfport in the early 1900s, Moss Point continued to ship lumber to

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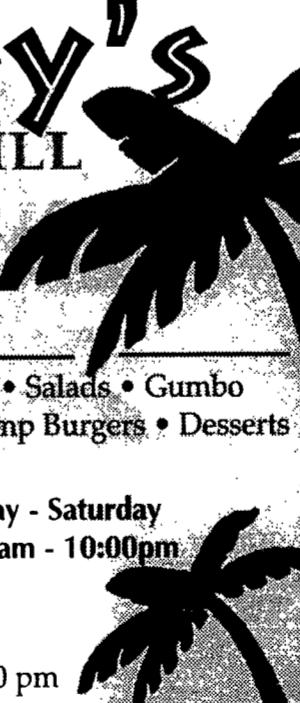
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History

Gulfport by barge until the mid-1940s.

The town officially incorporated in 1901. Appropriately enough for a logging town, the first mayor was named Charles H. Wood. In 1911, Moss Point began shipping some of its lumber to Sweden, where it was made into pulp and shipped back to Moss Point. The first papermill using southern pine pulp was built in 1912 just outside Moss Point's city limits. Today, it is International Paper Company.

During World War I, the area's lumber industry brought in new growth as the government began building cargo ships for war use. These "Liberty Vessels" used heart pine from local mills and oak trees in their construction. However, Armistice ended the newfound prosperity. The two new shipyards and most of the new workers' houses were dismantled, and the town settled back into the slower pace of life it still enjoys today.

Pascagoula

Like Biloxi, Pascagoula was named for its first inhabitants, the Pascagoula Indians. For a while, though, it was named Scranton, after a railroad surveyor who didn't



A statue of Bay of St. Louis-founder Jean Baptiste le Moyne d'Bienville, which was erected at the city's Tercentenary Park in 1999 as part of its Tricentennial celebration. The statue symbolically faces a similar representation of d'Bienville's brother, Pierre le Moyne d'Iberville, which stands in Biloxi. Together, the two men are credited with discovering the entire Gulf Coast. Another statue of d'Bienville stands in New Orleans on the edge of the French Quarter, crediting him with founding the Crescent City on his journeys into the New World.

know what to call the area and so gave it his own name. However, in 1917, Pascagoula became the official designation.

The Scranton name does live on, though, in the Scranton Floating Museum at the Pascagoula River Park. The 70-foot shrimp boat offers visitors a view of life at sea, which has been a vital part of the whole coast's livelihood for many years.

The town of Pascagoula was founded in the early 1700s as a German settlement of a French land grant. Mme. Chaumont sent her nephew, Colonel De La Pointe to settle her grant along the Pascagoula River. He took some 300 German colonists with him.

Once there, De La Pointe built Old Spanish Fort, made of local materials ... oyster shells, mud and moss ... to withstand Indian attack. The Fort later became Krebs' Fort, after De La Pointe's daughter married an Alsatian nobleman, Baron Frans von Krebs. The Fort is still open to the public as an historical landmark.

Shipbuilding, long an economic source for Pascagoula, is now a

major industry for the city. Ingalls Shipbuilding is one of the nation's prime constructors of naval ships.

Gulfport

Incorporated in 1898, Gulfport has a feel and flavor different from that of its neighboring cities. Founded as a railroad and port town, Gulfport's history is that of a business city rather than a resort, or even industrial area.

Captain Joseph T. Jones was the driving force behind Gulfport's establishment. He wanted to build a port city to take advantage of the virgin pine forests to the north. He succeeded. Considered an "upstart" by its long-established neighbors, Gulfport grew to fill in an overlooked, sandy, marshy area between Biloxi and Pass Christian. The fact that its founder was a Yankee didn't help matters at first.

However, Jones wasn't the first to think of running a railroad from Jackson south to the harbor opposite Ship Island.

William H. Hardy of Meridian voiced the idea some 20 years earlier,

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er, and another group had considered the concept in the 1830s, with Mississippi City being the railroad's southern terminus. The Civil War put an end to the original thinkers' plans.

Hardy, who had earlier completed a rail line from Meridian to New Orleans, including a bridge over Lake Pontchartrain (which some had considered impossible at the time), started work on the railroad and even came up with the name of Gulfport for the city, but abandoned the project when government and other problems interfered.

Hardy did live to see Gulfport becoming a reality, though; he died in 1917, some years after Jones started his work in building the city. Gulfport quickly became the coast's primary port, and eventually annexed the two older towns.

Jones, ever ambitious, almost literally built the city of Gulfport. He called for Gulfport to replace Mississippi City as the county seat in 1902, and continually created companies to supply the city's needs. He founded a hotel and bank, donated land for a courthouse, bought up street privileges held by another company and donated them to the city, took personal supervision of the G&SI railroad, and helped organize the Gulfport Yacht Club.

Jones even ramrodded the creation of the harbor at Gulfport and the dredging of the ship channel, and built a trolley line that ran from Biloxi to Pass Christian. Today, Coast Transit Authority's Beachcomber trolley is a symbol of and tribute to Jones' original Beachfront Run.

During his time in Gulfport, Jones poured more than \$16 million of his own money into the city's construction and operation.

Gulfport, now home of the Naval Construction Battalion Complex, also served as the site of its predecessor, the U.S. Naval Training Camp. The camp location had started out, not as a government facility, but as the site for the Mississippi Centennial Exposition.

As the city continued to grow, it saw a waxing and waning of its timber shipping industry, the growth of the seafood industry, the construction of the seawall in the 1920s, the four-laning of Hwy. 90, the move of Hancock Bank's main branch from Bay St. Louis to Gulfport in the 1930s, and the establishment of the sand beach in the 1950s.

Today, Gulfport is known for its retail trade, industrial/manufacturing businesses and government installations, as well as its seafood and shipping industries, tourist trade and, most recently, its numerous casinos.

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had considerable success in the 1830s, with the railroad connecting the railroads. The Civil War destroyed the original bridge.

The bridge was later completed by the G&S railroad to New Orleans, with a bridge over the river (which some say was the first bridge at the site). The railroad was built with the name of "Pass Christian" and became the first railroad to cross the Mississippi River at the site.

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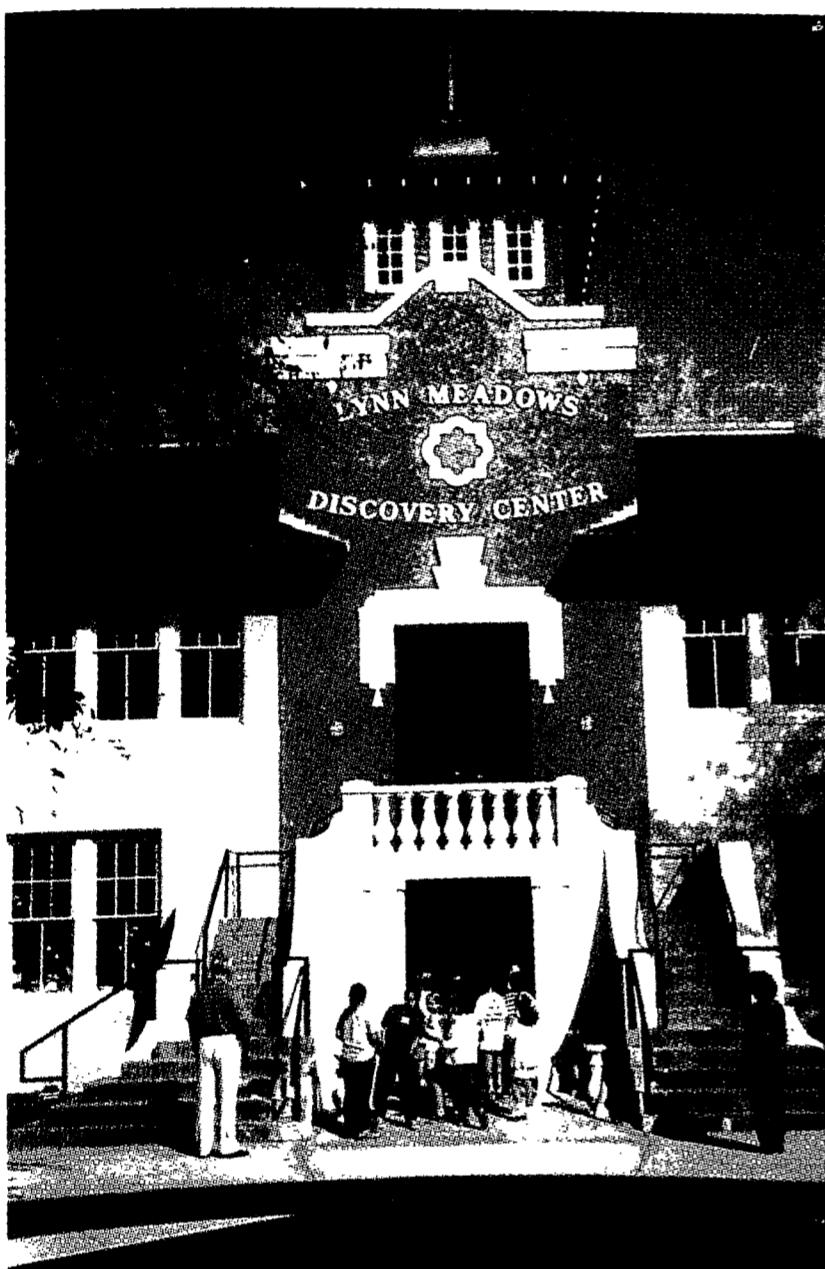
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At Lynn Meadows Discovery Center visitors can crank a crane, touch a tornado, set up shop, make Picasso proud, understand a pulley fully, tromp in tree houses, sort seafood, cross a creek and much more.

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As Mississippi's only children's museum, the Discovery Center offers children a chance to discover a world of interactive education and entertainment. With "artists and scientists in residence," the science area and artist studio provide exciting opportunities to understand concepts and develop skills.

On weekends, the Discovery Center schedules additional activities to complement and expand the museum exhibits. Visitors can imitate a mime, learn a magician's trick, laugh at a puppet show, design a rocket, create unique art objects or enjoy children's theatrical productions.

Summer camps are offered ranging from art, music and storytelling to science, astronomy and the sport of fencing.

The Lynn Meadows Discovery Center was selected as the Mississippi Travel Attraction of the Year 1999. The children's museum is open Tuesday through Sunday. The admission is \$5 per person, and yearly memberships are available starting at \$30. It is located at 246 Dolan Ave., Gulfport.

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Aloha -- From Bay St. Louis

Hang loose: 'Da Beach House' brings a little bit of Hawaii to the Mississippi Gulf Coast

... And spreads a message of peace, love and environmental harmony

BY GEOFF BELCHER

News Editor

Come to the islands - without ever leaving Bay St. Louis.

Bay-native Colleen Read and her husband Todd recently moved back to the Mississippi Gulf Coast from their home in Oahu, Hi., but they refused to leave the

island vibe behind.

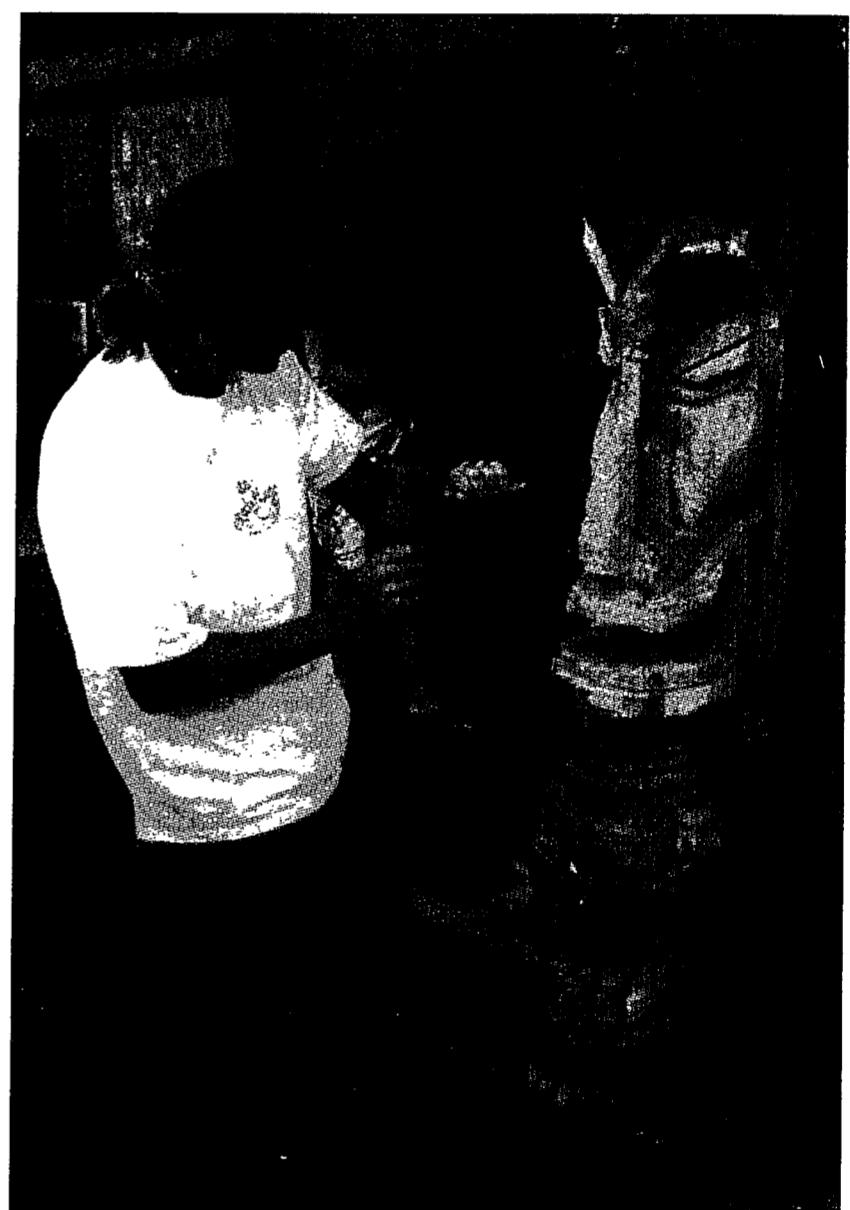
That's when they decided to create "Da Beach House," which celebrated its grand opening at 604 South Beach Blvd. last week.

On the surface, Da Beach House offers kayak, bike and kite rentals (as well as sales of specially-made ocean kayaks), fresh juice smoothies, hot coffee, bagels, surfwear and works by local artists -- all with a big screen TV, lounging couches and a smoothie bar created by area artisans. But it's much, much more than that.

"My son decided that he wanted to go to Bay High and finish high school with his cousins and be with family," Colleen Read said last week. "And so we wanted to honor his request and be good parents, and so we did and we're very happy."

"(But) I thought, if we're going to relocate to Bay St. Louis, we've got to continue with our national education programs. ... When I first came up with the idea, it had to be the whole Hawaii experience, so it had to be about fitness and about health and about all the things EarthEvents is about."

Team EarthEvents is a national non-profit "creative production management team" which the Reads ran from their home base in Hawaii. Before Colleen moved to Hawaii, she had created and produced the Biloxi Music & Arts Festival.



Hawaii-native and artist Chris Hill, who came to Bay St. Louis with Todd and Colleen Read, puts the finishing touches on a tiki that stands in front of Da Beach House.

"I've always been into doing educational and inspirational programs for kids," she said.

Then she moved to Oahu and to work with the American Heart Association.

From there, she became executive director of the Wyland Foundation, which she reorganized and turned into a non-profit organization dedicated to national educational programming.

She then became the executive assistant to the producer of the syndicated television series *Baywatch Hawaii*, which in turn led her to become the director of the non-profit Camp Baywatch in Honolulu.

Team EarthEvents, Colleen said, "is motivated by a team of talented, diversified artists,



Da Beach House owners Todd and Colleen Read

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History

Long Beach

Once known as Bear Point, Long Beach has undergone a number of name changes since it was originally mapped out and named by an Englishman in 1774. Joseph Nicholas de L'Adner was the town's earliest resident, having moved ashore after a hurricane destroyed his home on Cat Island. When he and his family moved to the mainland, they built a home at Bear Bayou near Gulf Park College.

The L'Adner home, having a chimney at each end, gave the city its second name, "The Chimneys", because the L'Adners' chimneys remained standing after the home burned in the early 1800s, and served as navigational markers for sailors on schooners.

Pitcher's Point, near the Long Beach-Pass Christian border, highlights the city's history as a haven for pirates in former times. Apparently, in the early 1800s a certain Captain Pitcher laid a curse on Pitcher's Point that no one would ever find peace there again. He is said to have uttered the curse while being executed by fire by his own crew for many atrocities.

Even with the curse on Pitcher's Point, settlers were coming into the area, including John Johnson McCaughan, a Yazoo City native, who bought up much of what is now Long Beach, chose the future site of Gulf Park College and built a beautiful home he named "Rosalie". Since McCaughan owned most of the town at the time, and since he did an excellent job of promoting the area and even served as postmaster, the city's next name became Rosalie.

McCaughan is one of the reasons for the Friendship Oak at Gulf Park is still alive and well. He liked the tree so much that he fertilized it ... with dead sharks!

The city escaped mostly unscathed from the Civil War and lived in relative quiet until 1870, when the completion of the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad changed the city's name once again, this time to Scott's Station, for George Scott, who donated the land for a depot. The railroad shifted business activity to the area north of the shore, and birthed the city's truck farming industry.

In 1882, the city acquired its current name, Long Beach, from James and Woods Thomas, brothers who platted the town and named it for the long, sloping beachfront.

James Thomas contacted an old friend in Tennessee, William J. Quarles, and told him about Long Beach. Quarles visited, liked what he saw, and moved his family, cattle and all, to the town.

He later opened the town's first

store, then became Long Beach's first official postmaster. He also started the first school, in his home. Today, Quarles Elementary School honors his contribution to local education.

Quarles is also attributed with the construction of Jeff Davis Avenue, the town's main street and a favorite teenage weekend hangout for many years.

By 1893, tourism was beginning to make an impact on Long Beach, with two waterfront hotels operating. In 1905, the town was incorporated; J.M. Whitten was the first mayor.

The city's truck farming industry, started by Quarles and Thomas, had started to flourish because of the popularity of radishes in saloons. Apparently, the little red vegetables went well with beer.

By 1921, though, the industry had reached its peak, and in following years began to decline.

Other industries also grew, prospered and waned with the changing times, but the "Friendly City" of Long Beach has maintained its hospitable atmosphere throughout the years.

Pass Christian

Two towns along the Coast have nicknames that have almost supplanted their original names with local residents. Pass Christian and Bay St. Louis are referred to in conversation by most folks as "The Pass" and "The Bay". Pass Christian, though, once was known by another nickname, "The Aristocrat of the Coast".

The home of the South's first and the nation's second yacht club, this resort town was first charted by Europeans when Iberville and Bienville explored the area. The story behind the town's name is that a Christian L'Adner named the north pass of a channel in the Sound after himself, while his brother, Marianne, named the south pass. However, the brothers are not mentioned in Iberville's logs. Julius J. Hayden Jr., who wrote a history of the town, feels the name came from Nicholas Christian of New Orleans, a ship's carpenter with a sawmill on Bayou St. John. He apparently kept cattle on Cat Island and later moved there himself, and the pass took on his last name.

The naming of DeLisle, north of Pass Christian, can be accounted for, though. The Comte de L'Isle, one of Bienville's lieutenant's, named a number of the area's landmarks, including Bayou DeLisle. The residential area assumed the name.

The first known resident of Pass Christian was John B. Saucier, a team artist, who platted the town and named it for the long, sloping beachfront.

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who settled there around 1712. Although a few other families moved in later, not much activity was recorded in the town until the 1830s. Then, New Orleanians and upland residents started noticing the town and realized its resort potential. The Pass was incorporated in 1838, and Finley Hiern was the first mayor.

John Henderson, Charles Shipman and David M. Huges developed most of the town's land for summer homes and hotels, which brought in some 1,500 to 2,000 visitors in 1849 and 1850 alone. Henderson Point on the west end of the town is named after John Henderson.

The Southern Yacht Club, now located in New Orleans, was organized in 1849 at Montgomery's Hotel when a group of New Orleanians came through with their cabin sloop on the way to Mobile. Their host at the hotel promised them a race if they stopped again on the return trip, so they did. The yacht club emerged from the race. Today, the Pass Christian Yacht Club is still a very active member of the local sailing scene.

Between the time of its founding and the Civil War, Pass Christian was the Coast's major trading center. When the war started, though, the town found itself literally under fire from gunboats in the Sound. In April 1862, 1,200 Union troops invaded The Pass.

After the war, the town's economic emphasis shifted from trading to tourism, with the advent of the railroad in 1870. Now, in addition to New Orleanians and other Gulf area visitors, the town started to see an influx of visitors from the north, and more hotels were built.

By the turn of the century, Pass Christian had become known not only for its tourist attractions, but for the oyster industry and the beautiful homes on Scenic Drive, many of which are still standing despite numerous hurricanes.

President Woodrow Wilson was one of many famous people attracted to the town, and he enjoyed a long stay at the "Dixie White House", one of the town's oldest homes, in 1913. Author Dorothy Dix also alit in The Pass, but she stayed and bought a home.

Although none of the town's hotels, the last of which was destroyed by Hurricane Camille, were ever rebuilt, Pass Christian remains a favorite weekend and summer spot for visitors, as well as home for its population of 6,000. Its

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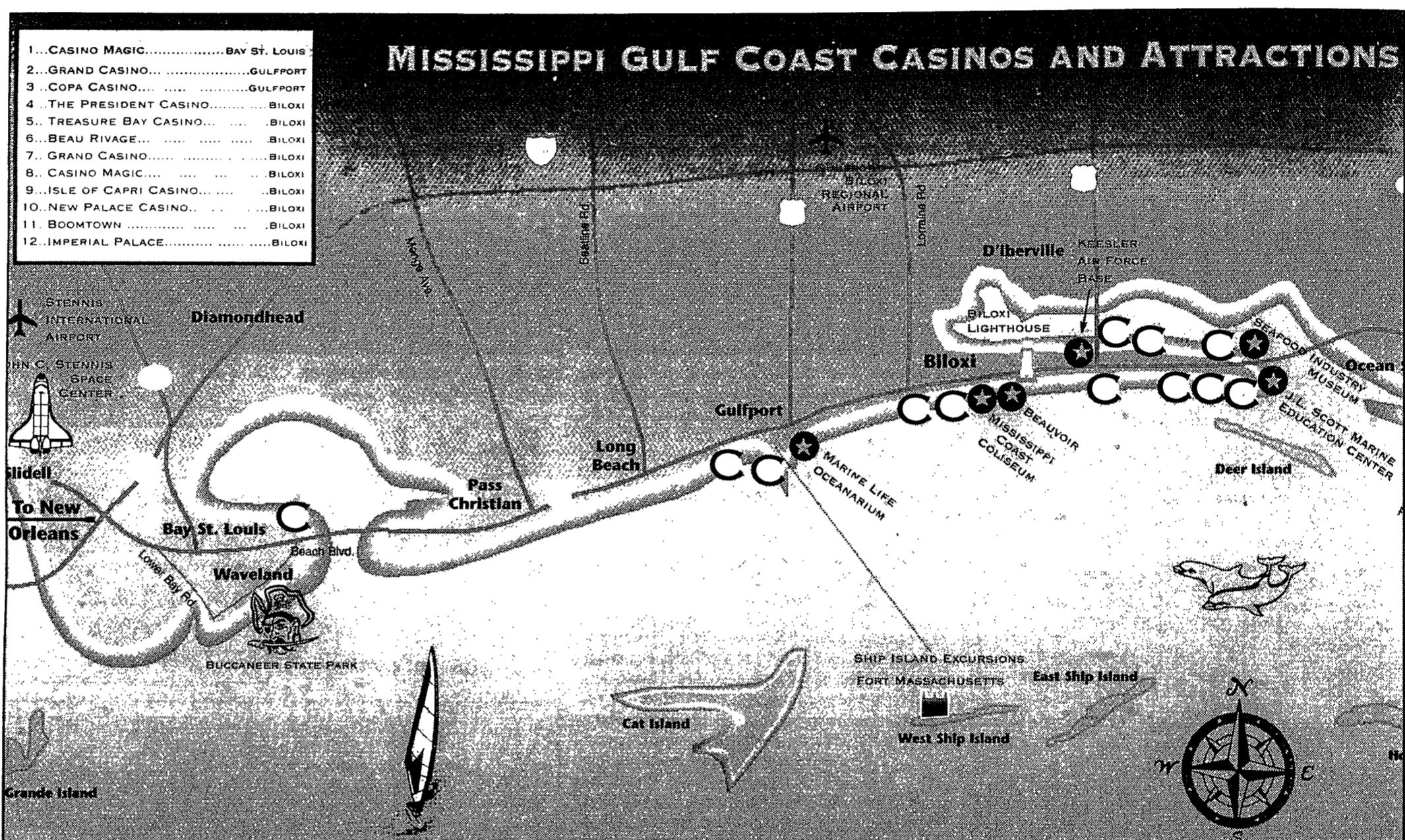
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there. In 1721, a Madame de Mezieres sent some 30 people to the area of what is now Felicity Street to settle a 17,000 acre land grant she received from King Louis XIV.

After the French and Indian War, the Bay St. Louis settlement was given to England in 1763. Following the American Revolution, Spain was given the area in 1793.

Thomas Shields, who received a Spanish land grant on the shore of the bay almost a century after Bienville's landing, began cultivating in 1800, and his grant became

known as Shieldsborough. The town was originally incorporated under that name in 1858. However, the town was again incorporated in 1875, this time as Bay St. Louis.

By that time, the town had been in the United States for 64 years, Hancock County for 63, and the state of Mississippi for 58 years. Bay St. Louis, at the time of incorporation under its present name, already had a good reputation as a resort town.

The Civil War had but little effect on the town's existence. Since Louisiana had outlawed

dueling around 1870, Bay St. Louis became a popular site for New Orleanians with quarrels to shoot it out. The town as the location of Mississippi's last documented duel, which occurred in April of 1874.

Bay St. Louis has, almost from its start, been a popular weekend and summer haunt for New Orleanians, dueling and non-dueling. By the turn of the century, the town boasted several hotels and summer "cottages", as well as a health resort, an opera house and a vinyard. Even today, many visitors are from the neighboring state, as

well as many transplanted residents.

Bay St. Louis was the site of the first Hancock bank, founded in 1899 as Hancock County Bank, and the location of one of the coast's oldest

newspapers, The Sea Coast Echo, established in 1891. Since its beginning, the Echo has missed publishing only two issues. The Bay also can claim the coast's first seawall.

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"My main objective,"

Colleen said, "is to support the entire community, in the sense that we create programs and activities that not only benefit Da Beach House, but will serve other businesses in town, as well. Our goal is to just be a part of the positive growth of the community."

And while their goals are lofty, the Reeds themselves remain down-to-earth.

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BY GEOFF BELCHER

News Editor

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"Ship Island is really impressive, because there's no other island in the three-state area to offer what Ship Island offers," according to Kevin Buckel, marketing director for Ship Island Excursions. "It's truly a treasured national

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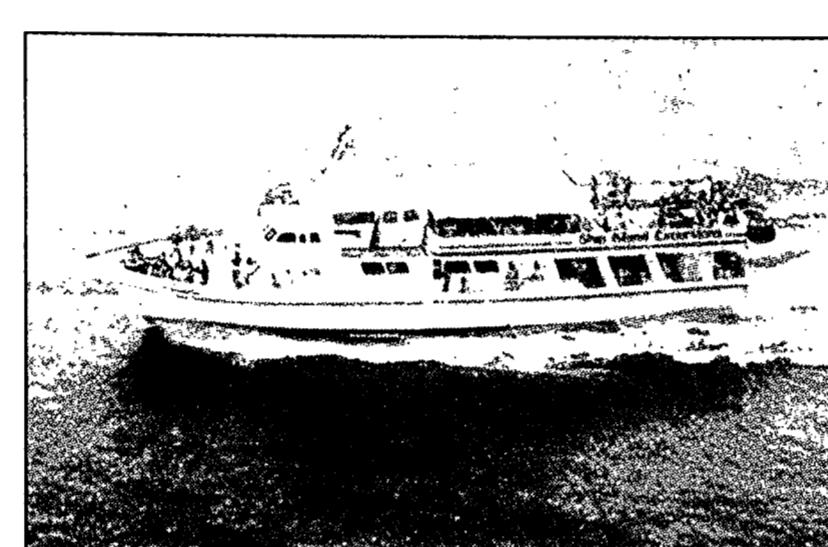
During the spring schedule which runs through June 15, the Skrmettas offer twice-daily runs to the island, one at 9 a.m. and one at noon; with returns at 2:30 and 5 p.m.

And, Buckel said, "This year, because our business is growing so fast, we've added a new summer schedule with more departures to and from the island. ... It's a great one-day trip for people from Louisiana and Mississippi.

Buckel said Ship Island Excursions has also hosted groups from all walks of life, from all over the world.

Ferry boats depart from the Gulfport Yacht Harbor near Marine Life Oceanarium.

The boat trip will take you across the Mississippi Sound, used by European explorers who first arrived on these shores in the early 1600's. Today shrimp boats, inter-coastal barges and ocean-going freighters make up most of the maritime activity you will see between Ship



Island and the mainland.

The vessels have open and closed decks, and passengers can either sit in the open and enjoy the view, or rest in air-conditioned cabins during the 45-minute cruise to or from the island.

A one-third mile walk across a boardwalk is required to reach the gulf side of the island, so travel lightly. The national parks service has banned the use of any glass containers on the island due to past injuries, so if you're bringing beverages, make sure they're canned.

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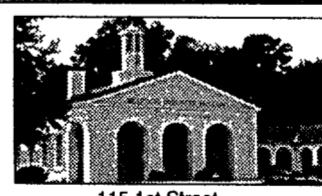
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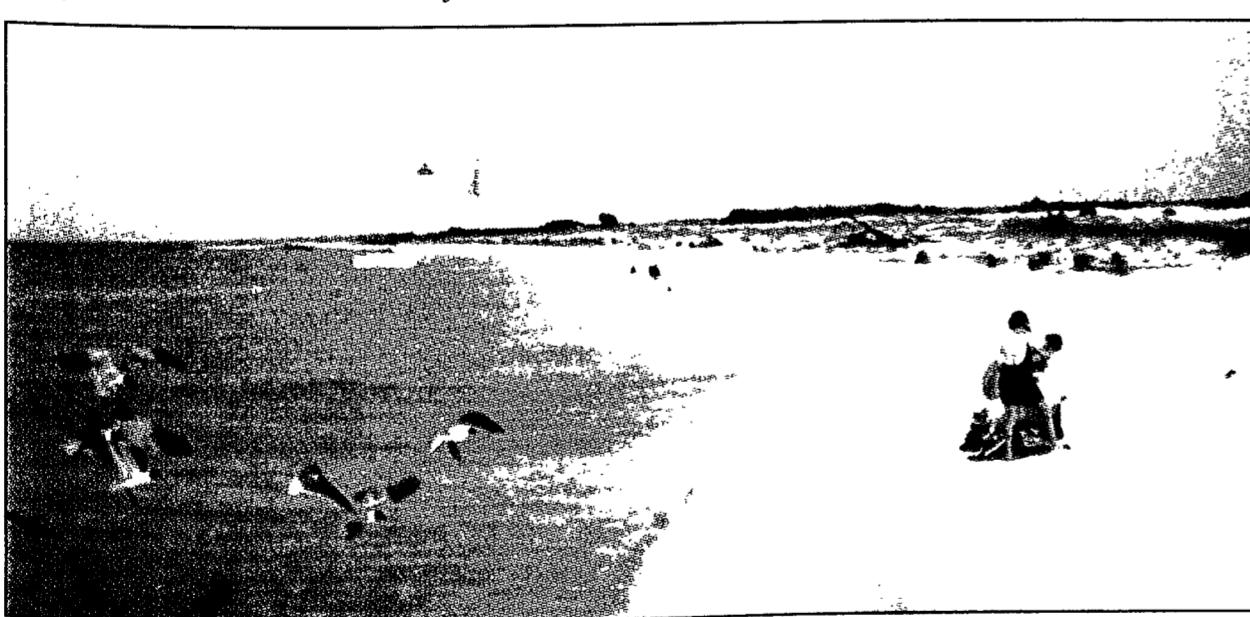
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Fort Massachusetts: A piece of living history

ECHO STAFF REPORT

If you like to mix your fun in the sun with a little history (or vice versa), Fort Massachusetts on Ship Island is the place to visit.

Fort Massachusetts, part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, offers a local taste of the 19th century for the history buff, and a day at the beach for the sun worshipper. The fort was built some time after the War of 1812, when the U.S. War Department recognized Ship Island's strategic importance to the defense of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast.

The fort was unfinished when the Civil War broke out, and the Confederate Army seized the island. The Union shortly regained control of the fort, however, and the Army Corps of Engineers resumed work on it in 1862.

During the Civil War, some 40 buildings were constructed as part of the fort, including a hospital and bakery. The fort, made of masonry, was built to withstand smoothbore cannon fire, but could not hold up under the impact of rifled cannon, which was developed during the war and was more accurate and destructive than smoothbore cannon.

The fort, most probably named for the Union blockade ship Massachusetts, was constructed between 1859 and 1866. The war was a major hindrance in building the fort, but so was the weather. Storms and high winds destroyed the warehouse, construction materials, the supply vessel and its pier.

In spite of all this, Fort Massachusetts remains an impressive masonry fort. The ceilings of the rooms and passageways are either vaulted

or arched to support the cannons mounted atop the fort. The outer walls are up to eight feet wide, and the foundations, made of concrete, goes more than nine feet below sea level.

The portion of the fort which remains, gives the visitor a lesson in naval defense strategy. The fort has only one entrance, the sally port. The observation area overlooks the Ship Island Pass, west of the fort. The pass is one of the few natural deep-water channels on the Gulf Coast, which enhanced the island's strategic importance.

The four service magazines on the upper level of the fort were protected by parades, earthen embankments which gave both added shelter to the gun positions and extra storage space for munitions supplies. The cannons, 15-inch Rodmans, were mounted at the outside wall north of the sally port. These cannons, some of the largest smoothbores manufactured, had a range of about three miles.

Above the sally port were the rifled cannons, called Parrot rifles. The fort was designed to house a total of 37 cannons, but only 17 were mounted. South of the sally port you'll find the debris of a cannon. Most of the cannons in the fort were sold for scrap iron at the turn of the century because they had become obsolete.

The fort also includes a stair tower for protection against enemy fire, a coal-fired furnace for heating cannonballs to shoot at ships and set them ablaze, guardrooms, powder magazines, half bastions which extended the fort's field of fire, and casemates (rooms which housed cannons, which were shot

through openings in the walls).

In addition to the fort, visitors to Ship Island will find

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